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OF ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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ABSTRACT

This report outlines the work accomplished and results achieved in the preparation of a computer procedure for the integration of ordinary differential equations. The following characteristics of the programs are specified:

a) The procedure for integration must achieve the accuracy specified by the user.

b) The procedure must be problem independent and applicable to the integration of any degree or number of coupled differential equations.

c) The step size, order and method of integration are to be chosen so as to minimize computation time while meeting the accuracy requirements.

d) The procedure is to have built-in learning so that previous experience can be used from one call to the next to decide on the method and order to be used. The procedure is to be self-modifying.

The following methods were used in the development of the procedure.

a) Adams-Bashforth-Moulton

b) Stetter-Gragg-Butcher

c) Cowell's method of constant Nth order difference

d) Runge-Kutta-Shanks.

Four different orders were used for each of the above methods.

Information is provided on an executive procedure developed to act in an administrative and bookkeeping capacity for the basic integration routines indicated above, plus a start and restart routine, which contains a separate Runge-Kutta-Shanks routine. This executive procedure works very satisfactorily.

Three types of problems were used to exercise this procedure. These three types are the Arenstorf orbits of the restricted three body problem, the system of linear differential equations associated with Fourier transforms, and the

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system of linear equations obtained from the partial differential equation for the vibrating string.

The results of running with a variety of problems and accuracies are that no particular method seems very superior to any other. All methods performed well.

The results justify the conclusion that the program developed would be very useful as a general library program for integrating systems of differential equations.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In previous work done under this contract, an effort was made to determine which of the many methods and orders available for integrating ordinary differential equations was best. While it was possible to show that, under certain circumstances, some methods and orders outperformed others, no one method was clearly superior under all circumstances.

In the present contract, the goal was set of writing a computer program for the integration of systems of ordinary differential equations (initial value problems), characterized by the following specifications:

a) The integration must meet a (user's) specified accuracy.

b) The procedure will be problem independent and applicable to the integration of any degree or number of coupled differential equations.

c) The step size, order, and method of integration are to be chosen by the procedure so as to be optimum; that is, to minimize the computation time while meeting the accuracy requirements.

d) The procedure will have built-in learning so that it can use its experience from one call to the next to decide on the method and order to be used. The procedure will be self-modifying.

The methods used are as follows:

    (1) The Adams-Bashforth-Moulton method,

    (2) The Stetter-Gragg-Butcher method,

    (3) Cowell's method of constant Nth order differences,

    (4) The Runge-Kutta-Shanks method.

With each of these methods, four different orders are used. A history file is kept showing the past performance scores of each method and order and is used to select which methods and orders are to be employed.

The program works in the following way. When a call is made in the procedure to integrate from point a to the point b, this interval is divided into eighths. The first eighth of the interval is integrated by one method for each of two different orders, and the times taken by each recorded. The second eighth is integrated by another method, also for two different orders, and the times recorded. The winners then compete against each other over the next fourth of the interval. That is, the fastest order of the first method and the faster order of the second method are both used to integrate the second fourth of the interval, and the times taken by each recorded. The faster method of these two is then presumably the best (fastest) of the four tried, and it is used (alone) to integrate over the last half of the interval. All of the times measured above are then logged in a cumulative history file and the winners and losers noted.

This history file then is used as the basis for selecting which methods and orders are chosen each time.

The first of the two methods is chosen at random (using a random number generator) from among the four available. The second method is chosen to be the method showing the best history of success among the three remaining methods, with the cumulative history file being used to determine the degree of success. Then within each method the same kind of selection process with respect to orders is used. That is, the first order is chosen at random, and the second order is chosen on the basis of which of the remaining three has been the most successful (fastest running) order of that method. Thus it is seen that the past performance of the different methods and orders influences the choice of which are allowed to compete, such that the more successful have a higher probability of being selected.

In using time as the sole estimate of performance efficiency, it is assumed that all orders and methods have satisfactorily met the accuracy requirements. The accuracy requirements of each method are met by controlling step size and making error estimates at each step. The method of error estimate is different for the different methods. In the Runge-Kutta single step method, the error is estimated by taking two half steps and then a whole step. In the Adams and Butcher methods the difference between predictor and corrector is used. In the Cowell method a mid-range formula is used. (Only in the Adams and the Runge-Kutta cases is there good theoretical justification for using these methods to calculate the actual error -- the error estimates in the Butcher and Cowell methods are essentially empirical.)

One further feature introduced into the learning process is the gradual "forgetting" of events in the more distant past. This causes the events in the distant past to have less influence than those more recent in determining the score or performance figure of an order and method.

Three types of problems were used to exercise the integration procedure:

First, the Arenstorf type orbits of the restricted three body problem (four equations).

Second, the system of linear differential equations associated with the Fourier transforms (20 to 40 equations).

Third, the system of linear differential equations obtained from a discretization of the partial differential equation for the vibrating string (50 to 100 equations).

The first of these is characterized by the necessity of frequent step size change. The other two have no need for step size change once the correct step is found.

The preliminary results of running with a variety of problems and accuracies is that no particular method seems to be exceptionally superior to any other. It did appear that, for the accuracy range used, certain orders of some methods were inappropriate. Also, for a given method one particular order usually dominated, but which one dominated depended on the accuracy being asked and to some extent the problem. In any event the program adapted quite rapidly to the characteristics of a particular problem and accuracy.

All methods performed well and, for different problems, different methods showed up more successfully. For example, the Runge-Kutta method was most successful when frequent step size changes were required, but the multistep methods performed better when long runs of uniform step size were appropriate.

The results justify the conclusion that the present program would be suitable and effective as a general library program for integrating systems of differential equations.

II. INTEGRATION METHODS

A. The Method of Adams, Bashforth and Moulton

1. Description of the Method

The method investigated consists of the combination of two different versions of the method of Adams into a predictor-corrector system [5]. The use of this system to obtain numerical solutions to a set of simultaneous differential equations with given initial conditions is independent both of the number of equations in the set to be solved and of the orders of the individual equations in the set; provided, however, that each equation of order m is expressed as a set of m coupled first order equations.

In general then, one deals with the system of equations

$$\vec{y}\,'(x) \equiv \frac{d}{dx}\, \vec{y}(x) = \vec{f}\Big(x,\vec{y}(x)\Big), \qquad (1\text{-}1)$$

where $\vec{y}\,'$, $\vec{y}$, and $\vec{f}$ are vectors, each having a number of components, N, equal to $\sum_{i=1}^{k} m_i$, where k is the number of equations in the set to be solved, and the m_i are their individual orders.

This vector differential equation is equivalent to the integral equation

$$\vec{y}(x+h) = \vec{y}(x) + \int_{x}^{x+h} \vec{f}\Big(t,\vec{y}(t)\Big)dt. \qquad (1\text{-}2)$$

At the point $x = x_q \equiv x_{q-1} + h$, this integral is approximated first by

$$\vec{y}_q^{(0)} = \vec{y}_{q-1} + h \sum_{\mu=0}^{q-1} \beta_{q-1,q-1-\mu}\vec{f}_\mu \qquad (1\text{-}3a)$$

and then repeatedly by

$$\vec{y}_q^{(\nu+1)} = h\beta_{q,o}^{*}\vec{f}\left(x_q, \vec{y}^{(\nu)}(x_q)\right) + h\sum_{\mu=0}^{q-1}\beta_{q,q-\mu}^{*}\vec{f}_\mu$$

$$\equiv h\beta_{q,o}^{*}\vec{f}_q^{(\nu)} + \vec{C}, \quad \nu=0,1,2,\ldots \qquad (1\text{-}3b)$$

which converges toward $\vec{y}_q \equiv \vec{y}(x_q)$ as ν increases. Formula (1-3a) is called the Adams-Bashforth predictor equation, and formula (1-3b) is the Adams-Moulton corrector.

The coefficients $\beta_{q\rho}$ and $\beta_{q\rho}^{*}$ are derived by the equivalent of integrating Lagrangian polynomials fitted to $\vec{f}$, but are independent of both $\vec{f}$ and h. The polynomial for the predictor is of degree q-1 passing through the q points $\vec{f}_0, \vec{f}_1, \ldots, \vec{f}_{q-1}$, while that for the corrector is of degree q passing through the q + 1 points $\vec{f}_0, \vec{f}_1, \ldots, \vec{f}_q$.

An explicit formula for the $\beta_{q\rho}$ is

$$\beta_{q\rho} = (-1)^\rho \left\{ \binom{\rho}{\rho}\gamma_\rho + \binom{\rho+1}{\rho}\gamma_{\rho+1} + \ldots + \binom{q}{\rho}\gamma_q \right\}, \quad \begin{array}{l} q = 0,1,2, \ldots \\ \rho = 0,1, \ldots, q \end{array}$$

where the $\binom{\rho+i}{\rho}$ represent binomial coefficients and the γ_ρ are found by the recursion relation

$$\gamma_\rho + \tfrac{1}{2}\gamma_{\rho-1} + \ldots + \frac{1}{\rho+1}\gamma_o = 1, \qquad \rho = 0,1,2, \ldots,$$

and an explicit formula for the $\beta_{q\rho}^{*}$ is

$$\beta_{q\rho}^{*} = (-1)^\rho \left\{ \binom{\rho}{\rho}\gamma_\rho^{*} + \binom{\rho+1}{\rho}\gamma_{\rho+1}^{*} + \ldots + \binom{q}{\rho}\gamma_q^{*} \right\}, \quad \begin{array}{l} q = 0,1,2, \ldots \\ \rho = 0,1, \ldots, q \end{array}$$

where $\gamma_o^{*} = 1$ and $\gamma_\rho^{*} = \gamma_\rho - \gamma_{\rho-1}$, $\rho = 1,2,3, \ldots$

Bounds on the errors for the two approximations are the maximums within the interval $[x_o, x_q]$ of

$$\left| \gamma_q h^{q+1} \frac{d^{q+1}}{dx^{q+1}} \vec{y} \right| \qquad \text{(for Adams-Bashforth)} \qquad (1\text{-}4\text{a})$$

and of

$$\left| \gamma_{q+1}^{*} h^{q+2} \frac{d^{q+2}}{dx^{q+2}} \vec{y} \right| \qquad \text{(for Adams-Moulton)} \qquad (1\text{-}4\text{b})$$

and M, the order of the predictor-corrector system, is assumed to approximate that of the corrector, which is q + 1.

2. The Computer Procedure

The procedure ADAMS itself is written to be included in programs written in single precision for the Burroughs B-5500 computer. The language is Algol 60 augmented by additional features available in the Algol compiler for the B-5500. There are no unusual hardware requirements, because all input and output to the procedure is under control of the including program through the formal parameter list. All variables not in the formal parameter list are local to the procedure, and no files are used by the procedure.

2.1 Parameters and Variables

The following lists of formal parameters and local variables will be useful in describing the operation of procedure ADAMS. In the remainder of this discussion the interchange of upper and lower case letters, necessitated

by approximating the notation [5] within the limited character set available
to a computer, is straight-forward and will be done freely without further
comment.

<div align="center">Formal Parameters</div>

Identifier	Type	Usage or Meaning
N	Integer	The number of components in the vectors $\vec{y}$, $\vec{EA}$, and $\vec{ER}$.
XI	Real	Initial value of the independent variable.
XF	Real	Final value of the independent variable.
Y	Real Array	Current dependent variable vector. Contains initial values at entry and final values at exit.
F	Procedure	Calculates the vector $\vec{f}\left(x, \vec{y}(x)\right)$.
P	Real	Power of C1 used in error control.
Q	Integer	Number of back $\vec{f}$ points used in the approximating polynomials. One less than M, the order of the method.
DX	Real	Upper bound on the initial step size.
EA	Real Array	Absolute error bound vector.
ER	Real Array	Relative error bound vector.
ADAMSCOEFF	Real Array	Contains the $\beta_{q\rho}$, the $\beta^{*}_{q\rho}$, and $\left\lvert 1 - \gamma_{q+1} \middle/ \gamma^{*}_{q+1} \right\rvert$.
RKSFNS	Integer	Function evaluations per step for procedures START and SHANKS.
RKSORDER	Integer	Order of R.K.S. method to be used by START and SHANKS.
RKSCOEFF	Real Array	Coefficients for START and SHANKS. See the descriptions of START and SHANKS elsewhere in this report for details.
START	Integer Procedure	Gives the necessary points for starting and re-starting. Name contains the factor by which C1 is multiplied to coordinate step size between START and ADAMS.
SHANKS	Procedure	Used to complete fractional steps at the ends of intervals.

The procedures START, SHANKS, and F, as well as the coefficient arrays ADAMSCOEFF and RKSCOEFF, are not a part of the procedure ADAMS and must be included separately in all programs using ADAMS (see 2.2 and 2.3).

Local Variables

Identifier	Type	Usage or Meaning
X	Real	x_q, current value of the independent variable.
INTERVAL	Real	XF - XI, the interval of integration.
C1	Integer	Two to an integral power. Determines H.
H	Real	INTERVAL / C1, the current step size.
C2	Real	Number of steps of size H remaining from X to XF.
GR	Real	$\left\| 1 - \gamma_{q+1}/\gamma_{q+1}^{*} \right\|$, used with CHANGE and ERROR.
CHANGE	Real	Controls the number of iterations of the corrector equation.
ERROR	Real	Controls the error and running time through the step size.
FP	Real Array	Predicted $\vec{y}_q'$ vector, $\vec{f}^{(p)}$, the $\vec{f}_q^{(\nu)}$ of (1-3b).
FC	Real Array	Corrected $\vec{y}_q'$ vector, $\vec{f}^{(c)}$, $\vec{f}_q^{(\nu+1)}$ in (1-3b).
FH	Real Array	$\vec{f}$ history vector. Contains $2q-1$ back points for each of the N components of $\vec{f}$.
YP	Real Array	Predicted $\vec{y}_q$ vector, $\vec{y}^{(p)}$, the $\vec{y}_q^{(o)}$ of (1-3a).
YC	Real Array	Corrected $\vec{y}_q$ vector, $\vec{y}^{(c)}$, the $\vec{y}_q^{(\nu+1)}$ of (1-3b).
YB	Real Array	Back $\vec{y}$ vector, $\vec{y}^{(b)}$, needed for restarting after halving.
YD	Real Array	Alternate YB.

All local arrays are dynamic with respect to N and Q and, to avoid moving large numbers of components, reversals in meaning are made on successive

steps or iterations between FP and FC, between YP and YC, and between YB and YD. The FH vector array is indexed cyclically for the same reason. For further details consult the flow diagram and the listing of procedure ADAMS following this discussion.

2.2 The F Procedure

A procedure for calculating the vector $\vec{y}' = \vec{f}(x, \vec{y}(x))$ must be included global to a call for procedure ADAMS for each set of differential equations to be solved by a program using ADAMS. This procedure is called by ADAMS as the formal parameter F and must itself have the following formal parameter list:

Identifier	Type	Usage or Meaning
N	Integer	Number of components in the vectors YV and FV.
X	Real	Current value of the independent variable.
YV	Real Array	Current dependent variable vector (input).
FV	Real Array	F value vector (output).

N and X may be called by value. The arrays YV and FV are one-dimensional starting at zero and must be called by name.

2.3 Orders Available

The procedure ADAMS is written to be completely general with regard to order, and any order may be used if the necessary coefficients are placed in the ADAMSCOEFF array. For a given order M = q + 1, there are 2q + 2 = 2M coefficients which should appear in the array beginning at position zero in the following order:

$$\beta_{q-1,q-1}, \ \beta_{q-1,q-2}, \ \cdots, \ \beta_{q-1,o}, \ \beta^*_{q,q}, \beta^*_{q,q-1}, \ \cdots, \beta^*_{q,o}, \left| 1 - \gamma_{q+1} \middle/ \gamma^*_{q+1} \right|.$$

2.4 Starting an Integration

Since the Adams method is a multistep method it cannot start itself but must rely on a starting procedure that will supply at least q-1 $\vec{f}$ points which, together with a given initial $\vec{f}$ point and a current $\vec{y}$ point, comprise a history upon which it can build. The starting procedure used here is the Runge-Kutta-Shanks procedure START, described elsewhere in this report. The number of function evaluations per step and the order of Runge-Kutta-Shanks method used by START may be varied at will by the user through the formal parameters of ADAMS. This will achieve optimum compatibility with the order of Adams method being used for each given set of differential equations being solved.

Initial step size is determined by the formal parameter DX. The initial trial start will be made with a step H = INTERVAL / C1, where C1 is set to the smallest integer power of two such that $|H| \leq |DX|$ and $|H| \leq |INTERVAL|/Q$. This causes the prodecure ADAMS to take at least one step after starting regardless of the magnitude of DX. If the procedure START cannot meet the error requirements at the initial H, it doubles C1 repeatedly until these requirements can be met.

2.5 Error Estimates and Step Size Control

To minimize running time without introducing errors intolerably large, the error in each component of the final $\vec{Y}$ vector is controlled through the use of the formal parameters $\vec{EA}$ and $\vec{ER}$. $\vec{EA}$ specifies the maximum allowable absolute magnitude of the error in each component of $\vec{Y}$, and $\vec{ER}$ specifies the maximum allowable relative magnitude. These two error control vectors are used in conjunction with the quantity GR = $|1-\gamma_q/\gamma_{q+1}^*|$, which is derived from the bounds (1-4), and a parameter P, chosen from the interval $[\frac{1}{2},1]$ by

empirical determination of the randomness of the round-off error in a particular set of differential equations. ($P = \frac{1}{2}$ corresponds to totally random error and $P = 1$ corresponds to totally additive error.) In practice γ_{q+1} has been used in GR instead of γ_q to be conservative, because the quantity being controlled is only an estimate of the true error.

The estimated error vector $\overrightarrow{\text{ERROR}}$ is defined to be $|\vec{y}^{(c)} - \vec{y}^{(p)}|$, where $\vec{y}^{(p)}$ is the $\vec{y}_q^{(o)}$ of (1-3a) and $\vec{y}^{(c)}$ is $\vec{y}_q^{(\nu_f+1)}$ in (1-3b), with ν_f being the first ν for which every component of

$$\overrightarrow{\text{CHANGE}} \equiv |\vec{f}_q^{(\nu+1)} - \vec{f}_q^{(\nu)}| = \left|\left(\vec{y}_q^{(\nu+1)} - \vec{y}_q^{(\nu)}\right) / h\beta_{q,o}^*\right|$$

is less than the corresponding component of either

$$\left|\frac{\vec{EA} \cdot \text{GR}}{\text{Cl}^P \cdot 2^{Q+5} \cdot h\beta_{q,o}^*}\right| \quad \text{or} \quad \left|\frac{\vec{ER} \cdot \text{GR}}{\text{Cl}^P \cdot 2^{Q+5} \cdot h\beta_{q,o}^*} \cdot \vec{f}_q^{(\nu+1)}\right| \quad .$$

If any component of $\overrightarrow{\text{ERROR}}$ is larger than the corresponding components of both

$$\left|\frac{\vec{EA} \cdot \text{GR}}{\text{Cl}^P}\right|$$

and

$$\left|\frac{\vec{ER} \cdot \text{GR}}{\text{Cl}^P} \cdot \vec{y}^{(c)}\right| ,$$

then $\vec{y}$ is replaced by $\vec{y}^{(b)}$, the step size is halved, and q-1 new $\vec{f}$ points and a new current $\vec{y}$ are obtained from the procedure START. If it is not necessary to halve the step size, then $\vec{y}^{(c)}$ becomes the new $\vec{y}$. If every component of $\overrightarrow{\text{ERROR}}$ is smaller for three consecutive steps than the corresponding components of both

$$\left| \frac{\vec{EA} \cdot GR}{Cl^P \cdot 2^{Q+5}} \right| \quad \text{and} \quad \left| \frac{\vec{ER} \cdot GR}{Cl^P \cdot 2^{Q+5}} \cdot \vec{y}(c) \right| \quad ,$$

then if there are at least 2q-1 back points in the $\vec{FH}$ array and there are at least two more steps of the current size necessary to reach XF, the step size is doubled before the next trial step. If it is not necessary either to halve or to double the step size, X is increased by H and a new trial step is made.

2.6 Finishing an Integration

The procedure ADAMS continues as described until XF is reached unless repeated halvings and doublings of the step size bring the independent variable to within a fraction of a single step of XF. When this occurs, the fractional step is completed by the Runge-Kutta-Shanks procedure SHANKS, described elsewhere in this report. The order of Runge-Kutta-Shanks method and the number of function evaluations per step used here will be the same for a given integration as those used by the procedure START.

3. Flow Diagram and Program Listing

Figure 1 is the flow diagram for the method of Adams, Bashforth and Moulton. The program listing follows at the end of this section.

4. Results and Conclusions

For experimental and diagnostic reasons, the procedure ADAMS was originally checked out with separate arrays for the dependent variable vectors $\vec{YI}$ (initial values), $\vec{YB}$ (back values), and $\vec{YF}$ (final values), all of which are now made equivalent to $\vec{Y}$ in the DEFINE statement. These arrays may be removed from the define statement and declared to be local arrays, global arrays, or formal parameters if any reason for doing so should arise. If this is done $\vec{Y}$ should be removed from the formal parameter list.

BEGIN

READ IN n, x_i, x_f, $\vec{y}_i$, p, q, dx, $\vec{e}_a$, $\vec{e}_r$, AND INFORMATION ON THE COEFFICIENTS AND ON THE STARTING, FINISHING AND $\vec{f}$ PROCEDURES

SET THE SUMMATION LIMITS AND OTHER STEP-SIZE AND ORDER DEPENDENT CONSTANTS

READ IN
$\beta_{q-1,\mu}$, $\mu=0,1,\ldots,q-1$
$\beta^*_{q,\mu}$, $\mu=0,1,\ldots,q$
AND $|1-\gamma_{q+1}/\gamma^*_{q+1}|$

SET h EQUAL TO x_f-x_i DIVIDED BY THE SMALLEST INTEGER POWER OF TWO SUCH THAT $|h| \leq |dx|$ AND $|h| \leq |x_f-x_i|/o$

$x_i \to x$
$\vec{y}_i \to \vec{y}$
$\vec{f}(x_i,\vec{y}_i) \to \vec{f}_o$

GO TO RESTART:

RESTART:

OBTAIN $\vec{y}_{q-1}$ AND $\vec{f}_\mu$, $\mu=1,2,\ldots,q-1$ FROM THE R.K.S. STARTING PROCEDURE

$\vec{y}_{q-1} \to \vec{y}^{(p)}$
$\vec{y}_{q-1} \to \vec{C}$

DID THE STARTING PROCEDURE DECREASE STEP SIZE ?

RESET h

YES

NO

$x+qh \to x_q$

RESET THE COUNTERS, ERROR BOUNDS, THE $h\beta$ AND $h\beta^*$ PRODUCTS, AND ALL OTHER STEP-SIZE-DEPEN-DENT CONSTANTS

NEXT STEP:

$x_q \to x$

$\vec{y}^{(p)} + \sum_{\mu=0}^{q-1} h\beta_{q-1,q-1-\mu}\vec{f}_\mu \to \vec{y}^{(p)}$
$\vec{C} + \sum_{\mu=0}^{q-1} h\beta^*_{q,q-\mu}\vec{f}_\mu \to \vec{C}$
$\vec{f}(x,\vec{y}^{(p)}) \to \vec{f}^{(p)}$

GO TO FLIP-FLOP:

Figure 1.   Flow Diagram for the Adams Method.

Figure 1 (Continued). Flow Diagram for the Adams Method.

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A user interested in an efficient production program and desiring to eliminate the unnecessary moving of data resulting from the formerly separate arrays, as well as other easily discovered minor inefficiencies, should find the coordination of notation, identifiers, and labels between the preceding discussion and the following flow diagram and program listing sufficient to guide him in the task. Further, the coordination of the notation of this report with that of [5] should enable him to investigate the theory of the method of Adams with a minimum of effort expended on trivial translation.

The procedure ADAMS makes efficient use of B-5500 Algol under the restriction of generality with respect to order. However, in situations where only a few orders are needed, the running time can be decreased considerably by duplicating certain sections of the program for each order, using separate identifiers to replace much of the indexing and a switch to select the proper section of programming for a given order. Little investigation of the amount of saving achieved in this way has been done, and an evaluation of the potential gain should be profitable. This investigation might also include determination of the tradeoff between storage space and running time when a large number of orders is required.

Although the procedure ADAMS has now been tested on a wide range of equations, orders, and required accuracies with the existing step size controls, little has been done to determine the increases in efficiency to be obtained by varying the method of control and how the effects of such variation may depend upon order and required accuracy. The indication is that the existing controls produce considerably more accuracy than intended. This is particularly true when high accuracy is required at higher orders, where the penalty in running time is greatest and the largest variation in

step size has been observed. Repeated step size expansions and contractions of as much as 1024 to 1 have occurred. Even a slight relaxation of the requirements for expanding step size should produce dramatic decreases in running time. Determination of a way to do this safely should prove highly worthwhile. There is slight evidence that, while the error increases with increases in the factor GR at lower orders as might be expected intuitively, this effect apparently can reverse at higher orders. A study of this phenomenon could conceivably provide information useful in improving the efficiency of the step size controls.

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PROCEDURE ADAMS(N,XI,XF,Y,F,P,Q,DX,EA,ER,ADAMSCOEFF,RKSFNS,RKSORDER.
RKSCOEFF,START,SHANKS);
VALUE N,XI,XF,P,Q,DX,RKSFNS,RKSORDER;
REAL XI,XF,P,DX;
INTEGER N,Q,RKSFNS,RKSORDER;
REAL ARRAY Y,EA,ER,ADAMSCOEFF,RKSCOEFF[0];
PROCEDURE F,SHANKS;
INTEGER PROCEDURE START;

BEGIN
DEFINE YI=Y#,YB=Y#,YF=Y#,POINTS=
BEGIN
IF NOT BGOOD THEN ALLI YB[I]+YD[I];
X+XF-INTERVAL*(C2/C1);
MULT+START(N,XI,XF,C1,EA,ER,F,QMINUS1+X,YB,FH,FH,YB,J,QT2M1,Q,P.
RKSFNS,RKSCOEFF);
ALLI C[I]+YP[I]+YB[I];
BGOOD+TRUE;

END#,CALLOR=
BEGIN
SHANKS(N,X,XF,YB,F,RKSFNS,RKSORDER,RKSCOEFF,P,EA,ER,XF-X);

END#,ALLMU=FOR MU+OSTEP 1UNTIL QMINUS1 DO#,ALLI=FOR I+1STEP 1UNTIL N
DO#,RESET=
BEGIN
DC+0;
PC+Q;
CU+(C1*(-P))*GR;
H+INTERVAL/C1;
ALLMU
BEGIN
HB[MU]+B[MU]*H;
HBS[MU]+BS[MU]*H;

END;
HBSQ7+BSQZ*H;
ALLI
BEGIN
EA[I]+(EAU[I]+EAU[I])*CU)*C2MQP5;
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RESTART:POINTS;                                                          00081000
C1+C1×MULT;                                                              00082000
C2+C2×MULT-Q;                                                            00083000
IF(J+JZERO-1)<OTHEN J+J+QT2M1;                                           00084000
RESET;                                                                   00085000
NEXTSTEP:X+XF-C2×H;                                                      00086000
ALLMU                                                                    00087000
BEGIN                                                                    00088000
   IF(J+J+1)=QT2M1 THEN J+0;                                            00089000
   HBMU+HB[MU];                                                         00090000
   HBSMU+HBS[MU];                                                       00091000
   ALLI                                                                 00092000
   BEGIN                                                                00093000
     YP[I]+(FMUI+FH[J,I])×HBMU+YP[I];                                  00094000
     C[I]+HBSMU×FMUI+C[I];                                             00095000
                                                                        00096000
                                                                        00097000
   END;                                                                00098000
                                                                        00099000
END;                                                                    00100000
F(N,X,YP,FP);                                                           00101000
FLIP:ALLI YC[I]+FP[I]×HBSQZ+C[I];                                       00102000
F(N,X,YC,FC);                                                           00103000
ALLI IF(CHANGE+ABS(FC[I]-FP[I]))>HAL[I]THEN IF CHANGE>ABS(HRL[I]×FC[I]00103000
)THEN GO TO FLOP;                                                       00104000
FLIPPED+TRUE;                                                           00105000
GO TO TEST;                                                             00106000
FLOP:ALLI YC[I]+FC[I]×HBSQZ+C[I];                                       00107000
F(N,X,YC,FP);                                                           00108000
ALLI IF(CHANGE+ABS(FP[I]-FC[I]))>HAL[I]THEN IF CHANGE>ABS(HRL[I]×FP[I]00109000
)THEN GO TO FLIP;                                                       00110000
FLIPPED+FALSE;                                                          00111000
TEST:IF(J+J+1)=QT2M1 THEN J+0;                                          00112000
TOOSMALL+TRUE;                                                          00113000
ALLI                                                                    00114000
BEGIN                                                                   00115000
   FHJI+FH[J,I]+IF FLIPPED THEN FC[I]ELSE FP[I];                       00116000
   ERROR+ABS(YP[I]-(YCI+C[I]+YP[I]+(FHJI×HBSQZ+C[I])));                00117000
   IF BGOOD THEN YD[I]+YCI ELSE YB[I]+YCI;                            00118000
   YCI+ABS(YCI);                                                       00119000
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ALL[ YF[I]+YB[I]];

END;
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B. The Method of Stetter, Gragg, and Butcher

1. Description of the Method

Following is a discussion of a method for the numerical integration of ordinary differential equations described by J. C. Butcher [12] in a paper titled "A Modified Multistep Method for the Numerical Integration of Ordinary Differential Equations" which appeared in the January, 1965 issue of the Journal of the Association for Computing Machinery. In this paper, Butcher presents a modification to the multistep process such that for $k \leq 7$ (where k = the number of steps) processes of order $2k + 1$ are available.

A large number of possible multistep methods exist for the numerical integration of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x,y) \ , \ y(x_o) = y_o. \tag{1-1}$$

Such methods are usually characterized by an integer k and a set of constants $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \ \text{---}, \alpha_k, \beta_o, \beta_1, \ \text{---}, \beta_k$. A solution is first found for the variable y at a set of points $x_1, x_2, \ \text{---}, x_{k-1},$ (where $x_i = x_o + ih$) and thereafter by the formula:

$$y_n = \alpha_1 y_{n-1} + \alpha_2 y_{n-2} + \text{---} + \alpha_k y_{n-k}$$

$$+ h(\beta_o f_n + \beta_1 f_{n-1} + \text{---} + \beta_k f_{n-k}) \tag{1-2}$$

for n = k, k + 1, --- where $y_i = y(x_i)$ and $f_i = f(x_i,y_i)$. Dahlquist [3] has shown that if the parameters α and β are chosen under a condition of stability, the order of a method cannot exceed k + 1 (if k is odd) or k + 2 (if k is even).

A modification to this process is presented by Butcher which consists of the addition to the right-hand side of equation (1-2) of an extra term

$h \beta f_{n-\theta}$ where β and θ are additional parameters to be chosen. The modified formula has the form:

$$y_n = \alpha_1 y_{n-1} + \alpha_2 y_{n-2} + \cdots + \alpha_k y_{n-k}$$
$$+ h (\beta f_{n-\theta} + \beta_o f_n + \beta_1 f_{n-1} + \cdots + \beta_k f_{n-k}) \qquad (1\text{-}3)$$

A procedure for choosing the coefficients is presented by Butcher. The simplest stable processes are for $k = 1,2,3$ with $\theta = 1/2$ and for $k = 4,5,$ 6 with $\theta = 1/3$. A stable process also exists for $k = 7$ with $\theta = 13/40$.

The method for implementing the formulas is to estimate $y_{n-\theta}$ and y_n using appropriate predictor formulas, then use these predicted values to evaluate the right-hand side of equation (1-3). The forms of the predictor formulas used are:

$$y_{n-\theta} = A_1 y_{n-1} + A_2 y_{n-2} + \cdots + A_k y_{n-k}$$
$$+ h (B_1 f_{n-1} + B_2 f_{n-2} + \cdots + B_k f_{n-k}) \quad (1\text{-}4)$$

$$y_n = a_1 y_{n-1} + a_2 y_{n-2} + \cdots + a_k y_{n-k}$$
$$+ h (b f_{n-\theta} + b_1 f_{n-1} + b_2 f_{n-2} + \cdots + b_k f_{n-k}) \quad (1\text{-}5)$$

To use this process, $y_{n-\theta}$ is first estimated using equation (1-4). The value of the function is then determined for $y_{n-\theta}$, and these two results are used in equation (1-5) to determine a value for y_n. The value of the function is then determined for y_n and a final value is then estimated using equation (1-3).

2. The Computer Procedure

A single-precision ALGOL Procedure was written to implement the integration procedure described above on the Burroughs B-5500 Computer. The procedure was designed to be used with the driver program described elsewhere in this report, but it is conceivable that it could be used with other appropriate driver programs. The procedure was written to integrate a system of differential equations each of which has the form:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x,y), \ y(x_o) = y_o.$$

Since the integration procedure described by Butcher is a multistep process, it must at all times have a history of back points. The process is, therefore, not self starting; it must rely on some other process to develop the first k steps. The starting procedure used in this implementation is a basic Runge-Kutta procedure as modified by E. B. Shanks and is discussed in paragraph E of this chapter. The starting procedure is called at the beginning of an integration and whenever it is necessary to reduce the step-size.

The step-size control is based on the difference between a predictor and a corrector; the control allows for halving and doubling of the step-size only. Equation (1-5) is used as the predictor (y_{np}) and equation (1-3) is considered to be the corrector (y_{nc}). An estimate of the magnitude of the error in a step is given by the absolute value of the difference in these two quantities. This is used in conjunction with a relative error term

ER and an absolute error term EA in the following manner: if

$$\left| \vec{y}_{np} - \vec{y}_{nc} \right| > (\vec{EA}) \left(\frac{DX}{XF - XI} \right)^{EX}$$

and

$$\left| \vec{y}_{np} - \vec{y}_{nc} \right| > \left| (\vec{ER})(\vec{y}_{nc}) \right| \left(\frac{DX}{XF - XI} \right)^{EX}$$

then the step is rejected and the starting procedure is entered with the previous point and a step-size equal to half the old step-size. If

$$\left| \vec{y}_{np} - \vec{y}_{nc} \right| < (\vec{EA}) \left(\frac{DX}{XF - XI} \right)^{EX} \left(\frac{1}{2^{2k + 4}} \right)$$

or

$$\left| \vec{y}_{np} - \vec{y}_{nc} \right| < \left| (\vec{ER}) \left(\frac{DX}{XF - XI} \right)^{EX} (\vec{y}_{nc}) \right| \left(\frac{1}{2^{2k + 4}} \right)$$

for three steps (without an intervening halving of the step-size) and if there is sufficient history of back points, then the step is accepted and the step-size is doubled. If neither the conditions for halving nor the conditions for doubling are met, then the step is accepted and the step-size remains constant. It is important to note that the above criteria must be satisfied for all corresponding components of the vector quantities before the conditions are considered to be met.

The method of ending the integration procedure is to run until the value of the independent variable plus the next step is either equal to or greater than the given final value i.e.

$$X + DX \geq XF.$$

If it is exactly equal, then the procedure takes one more step and quits.

If X + DX > XF, then a special ending procedure is called to take the final step. This ending procedure is also a basic Runge-Kutta procedure as modified by E. B. Shanks. It is discussed in paragraph D of this chapter. The procedure call for the Butcher procedure must be as follows:

BUTCHER (N, XI, XF, K, EA, ER, DX, CON, FUNCTION, EX, RKC, START, SHANKS, YIV, RKSNF, RKSODR);

N   - the number of dependent variables

XI   - the initial value of the independent variable

XF   - the final value of the independent variable

K   - the number of steps to be used in the Butcher method

EA   - the acceptable absolute error vector contained in an array of dimension N

ER   - the acceptable relative error vector contained in an array of dimension N

DX   - the suggested initial step-size

CON   - the array row containing the Butcher constants required for the order of the method specified

FUNCTION - the name of the user's function evaluation procedure

EX   - the error exponent

RKC   - the array containing the Runge-Kutta constants

SHANKS- the name of the ending procedure

START- the name of the starting procedure

YIV   - the initial values of the dependent variable; upon exiting the Butcher procedure, this array will contain the final values of the dependent variables

RKSNF- the number of function evaluations in the Runge-Kutta Shanks procedure

RKSODR - the order of the Runge-Kutta Shanks procedure

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3. Flow Diagram and Program Listing

Figure 2 is the flow diagram for the method of Stetter, Gragg, and Butcher. A listing of the program is given at the end of this section.

4. Results and Conclusions

The following remarks will be directed to the problem of step-size control in the Butcher procedure. Although the method of step-size control, as described previously, was adequate for the purposes of this project, it is felt that some improvement is desirable. The difficulty observed was that in virtually all cases the accuracy achieved by the procedure was one to two orders of magnitude greater than the accuracy asked. For the third order Butcher process $(k = 1)$, the step-size control method is completely unsatisfactory yielding long running times and accuracies as much as four times greater than those asked. The process in this case is essentially a third-order Runge-Kutta process. The equation used as a predictor in the step-size control scheme simply is not accurate enough in this case; this results in relatively large differences between the predictor and the corrector.

In order to improve the relation between the accuracy asked of the procedure and the accuracy achieved, it is desirable to study ways of improving the step-size control of the Butcher procedure. Such an improvement should also result in a faster running time for the method. One possible way of improving the step-size control is to use some form of two-step/one-step comparison. This could be accomplished in the Butcher process by using a predictor and corrector of the same order where the corrector uses alternate points of the history and a step-size twice as large as that of the predictor. The use of twice the step-size has the advantage of not requiring the recomputation of back points.

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The investigation of new methods of step-size control should be done in double precision so that all of the orders of the Butcher process can be investigated. If single precision were used, only lowest orders of the process could be adequately investigated. This would not give a complete picture of the operation of the Butcher process.

Figure 2. Flow Diagram for the Stetter-Gragg-Butcher Method.

A → MULTIPLY CONSTANTS b, β and δ by DX → START: → J → 0 →

$$y_j(n-\delta) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} A_i y_{n-i} + DX\delta_i f_{n-i}$$

$$y_j(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} a_i y_{n-i} + DX b_i f_{n-i}$$

$$y_j(n,n-\delta) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \alpha_i y_{n-i} + DX\beta_i f_{n-i}$$

→ J → J + 1 → IS j < n ? — YES → CALL PROCEDURE FUNCTION FOR Y (n-δ) → J → 0 → TO B

NO

B → $y_j(n) = y_j(n) + DXbf(y_j(n-\delta))$ $y_j(n,n-\delta) = y_j(n,n-\delta) + DX\beta f(y_j(n-\delta))$ → J → J + 1 → IS j < n ? — YES → CALL PROCEDURE FUNCTION FOR Y(n) → J → 0 → $y_j(n,n-\delta) = y_j(n,n-\delta) + DX\beta_o f(y_j(n)))$ → TO C

NO

C → $T1 \rightarrow E A_j/(C1) E x$ $TR \rightarrow \dfrac{E R_j \cdot y_j(n,n-\delta)}{(C1) Ex}$ and $TEST \rightarrow |y_j(n,n-\delta) - y_j(n)|$ → IS TEST < T1 and TEST < T2 ? — YES → C1 → C1 + C1 C2 → C2 + C2 → GO TO RESTART

NO

IS TEST < P2 × T1 OR TEST < P2 × T2 ? — YES → COUNT → COUNT + 1 → J → J + 1 → IS j < n ? — YES → DX + X → X → IS X = XF ? — YES → GO TO FINISH:

NO → TO D

NO → COUNT → COUNT + 1

NO (from IS j < n) →

BUTCHER PROCEDURE CALL → P2 + 1/2(2k+4) → SELECT INITIAL STEP SIZE → CALL START FUNCTION PROCEDURE FOR FIRST POINT → RESTART: → CALL START PROCEDURE FOR FIRST K-1 POINTS → C1 + C1 × START → DUBSRT: → $DX + \dfrac{XF-X1}{C1}$ → TO A

Figure 2 (Continued).   Flow Diagram for the Stetter-Gragg-Butcher Method.

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00000000  PROCEDURE BUTCHER(N,X1,XF,K,EA,ER,DX,CON,FUNCTION,EX,RKC,START,SHANKS,
00001000  YIV,RKSNF,RKSODR);
00002000  VALUE N,X1,XF,K,DX,CON,EX,RKSNF,RKSODR;
00003000  REAL ARRAY YIV[0];
00004000  INTEGER RKSNF,RKSODR;
00005000  INTEGER N,K;
00006000  PROCEDURE FUNCTION,SHANKS;
00007000  INTEGER PROCEDURE START;
00008000  REAL X1,XF,DX,EX;
00009000  REAL ARRAY RKC[0];
00010000  REAL ARRAY CON,EA,ER[0];
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00012000  BEGIN
00013000  REAL ARRAY Y,F[0:16,0:N];
00014000  REAL SC1,X;
00015000  REAL DX2;
00016000  REAL DX1,COA,COB,COLA,COLB,COGA,COG,TEST,TEMPY,TEMPF,A1,A2,A3,C2;
00017000  INTEGER I,J,CYL,INDEX,C1,M;
00018000  INTEGER CYL3;
00019000  REAL ARRAY SUMYIP,SUMYP,SUMYC,FV1[0:N];
00020000  LABEL STRT,RESTART,FINISH;
00021000  REAL P2,T1,T2;
00022000  INTEGER COUNT,TOTCNT,CYL1,CYL2,M1;
00023000  LABEL DUBSRT;
00024000  REAL ARRAY COD[0:3×K];
00025000  INTEGER CYO;
00026000  INTEGER COUNTER;
00027000  INTEGER KMI;
00028000  REAL OMT,K6,K61,K62;
00029000  REAL INTV;
00030000  INTEGER KM3,J2,J3,J6;
00031000  REAL XDX1,XDX;
00032000  REAL ARRAY RE,VE[0:N];
00033000  FOR I←1STEP 1UNTIL N DO Y[0,I]←YIV[I];
00034000  IF K=1OR K=2OR K=3THEN OMT←0.5ELSE OMT←2/3;
00035000  K6←6×K;
00036000  K61←(6×K)+1;
00037000  K62←(6×K)+2;
00038000  KMI←K-1;
00039000  INTV←XF-X1;
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X←XI;                                                                    00040000
C1←1;                                                                    00041000
WHILE(C1<K+1)OR((ABS(INTV)/C1)>ABS(DX))DO  C1←C1+C1;                      00042000
C2←C1;                                                                   00043000
P2←1/(2*((2×K)+4));                                                       00044000
CYL←0;                                                                    00045000
CYO←0;                                                                    00046000
TOTCNT←0;                                                                 00047000
FUNCTION(N,XI,Y[0,*],F[0,*]);                                            00048000
RESTART:COUNTER←KM1;                                                      00049000
C1←C1×(I←START(N,XI,XF,C1,EA,ER,FUNCTION,KM1,X,YIV,Y,F,YIV,CYO,16,2,EX    00050000
,RKSNF,RKC));                                                            00051000
C2←C2×I-KM1;                                                             00052000
CYL←CYO;                                                                  00053000
DUBSRT:DX←INTV/C1;                                                        00054000
KM3←3×KM1;                                                               00055000
FOR J←0STEP 3UNTIL KM3  DO                                               00056000
BEGIN                                                                    00057000
   J2←2×J;                                                               00058000
   COO[J]←CON[J2+1]×DX;                                                  00059000
   COO[J+1]←CON[J2+3]×DX;                                                00060000
   COO[J+2]←CON[J2+5]×DX;                                                00061000
END;                                                                     00062000
SC1←C1*EX;                                                               00063000
FOR I←1STEP 1UNTIL N DO                                                  00064000
BEGIN                                                                    00065000
   AE[I]←EA[I]/SC1;                                                      00066000
   RE[I]←ER[I]/SC1;                                                      00067000
END;                                                                     00068000
A1←CON[K6]×DX;                                                           00069000
A2←CON[K61]×DX;                                                          00070000
A3←CON[K62]×DX;                                                          00071000
STRRT:XDXT←X+(DX×OMT);                                                    00072000
XDX←X+DX;                                                                 00073000
FOR I←1STEP 1UNTIL N DO SUMYIP[I]←SUMYP[I]←SUMYC[I]←0;                    00074000
FOR J←0STEP 1UNTIL KM1 DO                                                00075000
BEGIN                                                                    00076000
   CYL3←(KM1-J+CYL)MOD 16;                                               00077000
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      J3+3×J;                                                    00080000
      J6+6×J;                                                    00081000
      COA+CON[J6];                                               00082000
      COB+COO[J3];                                               00083000
      COLA+CON[J6+2];                                            00084000
      COLB+COO[J3+1];                                            00085000
      COGA+CON[J6+4];                                            00086000
      COGB+COO[J3+2];                                            00087000
      FOR I+1STEP 1UNTIL N DO                                    00088000
      BEGIN                                                      00089000
      , TEMPY+Y[CYL3,I];                                         00090000
        TEMPF+F[CYL3,I];                                         00091000
        SUMYIP[I]+SUMYIP[I]+(COA×TEMPY)+(COB×TEMPF);             00092000
        SUMYP[I]+SUMYP[I]+(COLA×TEMPY)+(COLB×TEMPF);             00093000
        SUMYC[I]+SUMYC[I]+(COGA×TEMPY)+(COGB×TEMPF);             00094000
                                                                 00095000
      END;                                                       00096000
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  END;                                                           00098000
  FUNCTION(N,XDXT,SUMYIP,FV1);                                   00099000
  FOR I+1STEP 1UNTIL N DO                                        00100000
  BEGIN                                                          00101000
     TEMPF+FV1[I];                                               00102000
     SUMYP[I]+SUMYP[I]+(A1×TEMPF);                               00103000
     SUMYC[I]+SUMYC[I]+(A2×TEMPF);                               00104000
                                                                 00105000
  END;                                                           00106000
  FUNCTION(N,XDX,SUMYP,FV1);                                     00107000
  CYL+(CYL+1)MOD 16;                                             00108000
  CYO+(CYL+KM1)MOD 16;                                           00109000
  COUNT+0;                                                       00110000
  FOR I+1STEP 1UNTIL N DO                                        00111000
  BEGIN                                                          00112000
     TEMPY+SUMYC[I]+(A3×FV1[I]);                                 00113000
     T1+AE[I];                                                   00114000
     T2+ABS(RE[I]×TEMPY);                                        00115000
     TEST+ABS(TEMPY-SUMYP[I]);                                   00116000
     IF TEST>T1 AND TEST>T2 THEN                                 00117000
     BEGIN                                                       00118000
        C2+C2+C2;                                                00119000
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00120000          CYL←(CYL+15)MOD 16;
00121000          CY0←(CYL+KM1)MOD 16;
00122000          IF C2<KM1 THEN
00123000          BEGIN
00124000          SHANKS(N,X,XF,Y[CY0,*],FUNCTION,RKSNF,RKSDDR,RKC,EX,EA,ER,DX);
00125000          GO TO FINISH;
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00127000          END;
00128000          C1←C1+C1;
00129000          GO TO RESTART;
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00131000          END;
00132000          Y[CY0,I]←TEMP;
00133000          IF TEST<P2×T1 OR TEST<P2×T2 THEN COUNT←COUNT+1;
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00135000          END;
00136000          C2←C2-1;
00137000          X←XF-(DX×C2);
00138000          IF C2=0THEN GO TO FINISH;
00139000          IF C2<1THEN
00140000          BEGIN
00141000          SHANKS(N,X,XF,Y[CY0,*],FUNCTION,RKSNF,RKSDDR,RKC,EX,EA,ER,DX);
00142000          GO TO FINISH;
00143000
00144000          END;
00145000          FUNCTION(N,X,Y[CY0,*],F[CY0,*]);
00146000          IF COUNT=N THEN
00147000          BEGIN
00148000          TOTCNT←TOTCNT+1;
00149000          IF TOTCNT≥3THEN
00150000          BEGIN
00151000          IF COUNTER≥2×K THEN
00152000          BEGIN
00153000          COUNTER←0;
00154000          C2←C2/2;
00155000          C1←C1/2;
00156000          IF C2<1THEN
00157000          BEGIN
00158000          SHANKS(N,X,XF,Y[CY0,*],FUNCTION,RKSNF,RKSDDR,RKC,EX,EA,ER,DX);
00159000          GO TO FINISH;
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        END;
        TOTCNT←0;
        FOR I←1STEP 1UNTIL N DO FOR J←1STEP 1UNTIL KM1 DO
        BEGIN
            CYL1←(CYO+16-J)MOD 16;
            CYL2←(CYO+16-(2×J))MOD 16;
            Y[CYL1,I]←Y[CYL2,I];
            F[CYL1,I]←F[CYL2,I];

        END;
        GO TO DUBSRT;

    END;

END;
COUNTER←COUNTER+1;
GO TO STRRT;
FINISH;FOR I←1STEP 1 UNTIL N DO Y[V[I]]←Y[CYO,I];
END BUTCHER;
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C. The Cowell Method

1. Description of the Method

Cowell's method as described herein is a multistep predictor-corrector method for the numerical solution of the first-order vector differential equation

$$\vec{y}\,'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}\,\vec{y}(x) = \vec{f}\,(x,\vec{y}(x)), \quad \vec{y}\,(x_0) = \vec{y}_0. \qquad (1\text{-}1)$$

A complete derivation and description of Cowell's method can be found in [9] and [18]; only the essential formulas are included here.

The following notation is adopted. Let q be an even positive integer, m = q/2, h be the step size (assumed to be constant over some set of calculations),

$$x_n = x_0 + nh, \quad \vec{y}_n = \vec{y}\,(x_n), \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{f}_n = \vec{f}\,(x_n,\ \vec{y}_n)\ .$$

The predictor formula is

$$\vec{y}_n = h\ [\overrightarrow{\delta^{-1}\,f}_{n-\frac{1}{2}} + \sum_{j=0}^{q} P_j\ \vec{f}_{n-1-j}]\ , \qquad (1\text{-}2)$$

The corrector formula is

$$\vec{y}_n = h\ [\overrightarrow{\delta^{-1}\,f}_{n-\frac{1}{2}} + \sum_{j=0}^{q} C_j\ \vec{f}_{n-j}]\ , \qquad (1\text{-}3)$$

and the mid-range formula is

$$\vec{y}_n = h\ [\overrightarrow{\delta^{-1}\,f}_{n-\frac{1}{2}} + \sum_{j=0}^{q} M_j\ \vec{f}_{n+m-j}]\ . \qquad (1\text{-}4)$$

The predictor formula gives $\vec{y}_n$ in terms of $\overrightarrow{\delta^{-1}f}_{n-\frac{1}{2}}$ and the function values

at the previous q+1 points; the corrector formula gives a new value of $\vec{y}_n$ in terms of $\delta^{-1}\vec{f}_{n-\frac{1}{2}}$, the old value of $\vec{y}_n$, and the function values at the previous q points; the mid-range formula gives a value of $\vec{y}_n$ in terms of $\delta^{-1}\vec{f}_{n-\frac{1}{2}}$ and the function values at the q+1 consecutive points centered around x_n.

The equation

$$\delta^{-1}\vec{f}_{n-\frac{1}{2}} = \delta^{-1}\vec{f}_{n-1-\frac{1}{2}} + \vec{f}_{n-1} \qquad (1\text{-}5)$$

completes the set of formulas necessary for the numerical solution of (1-1).

If it is assumed that

$$\left\{\vec{f}_i\right\}_{i=0}^{q} \qquad \text{and} \qquad \vec{y}_m$$

have been obtained by some starting procedure, the mid-range formula (1-4) can be applied with n=m to obtain

$$\delta^{-1}\vec{f}_{m-\frac{1}{2}} \ .$$

Equation (1-5) can then be applied m times to obtain

$$\delta^{-1}\vec{f}_{q-\frac{1}{2}} \ .$$

For each positive integer i

$$\delta^{-1}\vec{f}_{q+i-\frac{1}{2}}$$

can be computed from

$$\delta^{-1}\vec{f}_{q+i-1-\frac{1}{2}}$$

and $\vec{f}_{q+i-1}$ using (1-5); $\vec{y}_{q+i}$ can be computed using the predictor (1-2); $\vec{f}_{q+i}$ can be computed from the predicted value; $\vec{y}_{q+i}$ can be computed using the corrector (1-3); $\vec{f}_{q+i}$ can be computed from the corrected value; if necessary, iteration can be resorted to, using (1-3), until the last two computed values of $\vec{y}_{q+i}$ agree to sufficient accuracy. For any $j \geq m$ a value of $\vec{y}_{q+j-m}$ can be obtained from the mid-range formula (1-4) and compared with the value obtained from the predictor-corrector step. If the two values of $\vec{y}_{q+j-m}$ are in sufficient agreement, the values up through $\vec{y}_{q+j}$ are considered acceptable; if not, $\vec{y}_{q+j-m}$ is considered the last acceptable value and all values beyond are rejected.

Hence, the knowledge of (1-2), (1-3), (1-4), and (1-5) is sufficient to apply Cowell's method in the numerical solution of (1-1). The coefficients $\left\{P_j\right\}_{j=0}^q$, $\left\{C_j\right\}_{j=0}^q$, and $\left\{M_j\right\}_{j=0}^q$ are given in [18] for $q=4$, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16.

2. The Computer Program

The Cowell computer program is a Burroughs B-5500 ALGOL single-precision procedure whose declaration is as follows:

procedure Cowell (m, xi, xf, y, f, ea, er, p, dx, rksfn,

rksorder, rkscoeff, q, cowellcoeff, start, shanks);

value n, xi, xf, p, dx, rksfn, rksorder, q;

integer n, rksfn, rksorder, q;

real xi, xf, p, dx;

real array y, ea, er, rkscoeff, cowellcoeff [0];

procedure f, shanks;

integer procedure start;

The parameters of the procedure are defined as follows:

$\underline{n}$ - the number of dependent variables in the vectors $\vec{y}$ and $\vec{f}$

$\underline{xi}$ - x_0, the starting value of the independent variable x

$\underline{xf}$ - the final value of the independent variable x

$\underline{y}$ - the array in which $\vec{y}_0 = \vec{y}\,(\underline{xi})$ is located upon entry and in which $\vec{y}\,(\underline{xf})$ is located upon exit

$\underline{f}$ - the procedure which computes $\vec{f} = \vec{f}\,(x,\,\vec{y})$

$\underline{ea}$ - the array containing the absolute error vector

$\underline{er}$ - the array containing the relative error vector

$\underline{p}$ - the exponent used in step size control

$\underline{rksfn}$ - the number of function evaluations used in the Runge-Kutta-Shanks starting and closing procedures

$\underline{rksorder}$ - the order of the Runge-Kutta-Shanks closing procedure

$\underline{rkscoeff}$ - the array containing the Runge-Kutta-Shanks coefficients for the starting and closing procedures.

$\underline{q}$ - the even integer used in describing Cowell's method

$\underline{cowellcoeff}$ - the array containing the Cowell coefficients

$\underline{start}$ - the starting procedure

$\underline{shanks}$ - the closing procedure.

The procedure performs the numerical integration of (1-1) from x = $\underline{xi}$ to x = $\underline{xf}$. The step size h used is always the length of the interval $\underline{xf} - \underline{xi}$ divided by a power of 2 in order to avoid error building in the independent variable two counters, $\underline{c1}$ and $\underline{c2}$ are kept. $\underline{c1}$ is always a positive, integral power of 2, and h = $(\underline{xf} - \underline{xi})/\underline{c1}$. c2 is the number of steps necessary to step from the present x to $\underline{xf}$ using the current step size h. Initially $\underline{c2} = \underline{c1}$; as each step is taken $\underline{c2}$ is decremented by one and the present value of x is

computed by $\underline{x} = \underline{xf} - h\ \underline{c2}$. If h is halved, $\underline{c1}$ and $\underline{c2}$ are doubled; if h is doubled, $\underline{c1}$ and $\underline{c2}$ are halved. Hence $\underline{c2}$ need not be integral.

The error vectors $\vec{ea}$ and $\vec{er}$, like $\vec{y}$, have n components. (Although the base of the arrays $\underline{y}$, $\underline{ea}$, and $\underline{er}$ is zero, the n components are placed in positions 1, 2, ..., n of the arrays.) The procedure's error control attempts to guarantee that, in integrating from xi to xf, each component of $\vec{y}$ will not be in absolute error more than the corresponding component of $\vec{ea}$ and will not be in relative error more than the corresponding component of $\vec{er}$. At each step, the procedure requires that for each i, $1 \le i \le n$, either the absolute error in y [i] does not exceed ea $[i]/(c1^p)$ or the relative error in y [i] does not exceed er $[i]/(c1^p)$.

If p = 1 and $\vec{er}$ = 0 then the accumulated error in any component of $\vec{y}$ cannot exceed the corresponding component of $\vec{ea}$. If the error is assumed to accumulate randomly as the square root of the number of steps, $p = \frac{1}{2}$ and $\vec{er}$ = 0 will cause the accumulated error in any component of $\vec{y}$ to be approximately the corresponding component of $\vec{ea}$.

If p = 1 and $\vec{ea}$ = 0 then the accumulated error in any component of $\vec{y}$ cannot exceed the corresponding component of $\vec{er}$ times the largest value assumed by that component of $\vec{y}$ during the integration. If the error is assumed to accumulate randomly as the square root of the number of steps, $p = \frac{1}{2}$ and $\vec{ea}$ = 0 will cause the accumulated error in any component of $\vec{y}$ to be approximately the corresponding component of $\vec{er}$ times some average value assumed by that component of $\vec{y}$ during the integration.

The procedure $\underline{f}$ which computes $\vec{f} = \vec{f}\ (x,y)$ has the following declaration:

procedure f(n, x, yv, fv);

value n;

integer n;

real x;

real array yv, fv [0];

The parameters of the procedure f are defined as follows:

n - the number of dependent variables in the vectors $\vec{y}$ and $\vec{f}$

x - the value of the independent variable

yv - the array in which $\vec{y}$ is stored

fv - the array in which $\vec{f}$ is stored after computation

The procedure start is the general multistep method starting procedure described in paragraph E of this chapter. The procedure shanks is the Runge-Kutta-Shanks integration procedure described in paragraph D of this chapter. The coefficient array rkscoeff contains the Runge-Kutta-Shanks coefficients in the order required by the procedures start and shanks. The number of function evaluations rksfn is required by both start and shanks; the order rksorder is required by shanks.

The array cowellcoeff contains the coefficients of (1-2), (1-3), and (1-4) in the order P_0, P_1, . . ., P_q, C_0, C_i, . . ., C_q, M_0, M_1, . . ., M_q; P_0 is in the zero position of the array.

The suggested initial step size dx is optional. The procedure first sets cl = 2 and doubles cl until cl $\geq$ q. If dx = 0 or dx $\neq$ 0 and h $\leq$ |dx| then cl is left alone. Otherwise, cl is doubled until h $\leq$ |dx|.

The integration now begins.

$$\vec{f}_0 = \vec{f}(x_0, \vec{y}_0)$$

is computed. The start procedure is called to obtain

$$\{f_i\}_{i=1}^q \ , \quad \vec{y}_m, \ \vec{y}_q \text{ and } x_q.$$

c1 and c2 are adjusted if h was changed by the start procedure. c2 is decremented by q since q steps took place in the start procedure. If c2 < m, closing takes place. Otherwise,

$$\vec{\delta^{-1}f}_{m-\frac{1}{2}}$$

is calculated from

$$\{f_i\}_{i=0}^q$$

and $\vec{y}_m$ using the mid-range formula (1-4). m applications of (1-5) yield

$$\vec{\delta^{-1}f}_{q-\frac{1}{2}}$$

and n is set equal to q.

For $1 \leq i \leq m$ the following set of steps takes place. c2 is decremented by 1, and x_{n+i} is calculated.

$$\vec{\delta^{-1}f}_{n+i-\frac{1}{2}}$$

is calculated from

$$\vec{\delta^{-1}f}_{n+i-1-\frac{1}{2}}$$

and $\vec{f}_{n+i-1}$ using (1-5). $\vec{y}_{n+i}$ is calculated using the predictor (1-2), and

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$\vec{f}_{n+i}$ is calculated. $\vec{y}_{n+i}$ is next calculated using the corrector (1-3), and $\vec{f}_{n+i}$ is again calculated. Let $\vec{v}$ be the vector which is the absolute value of the difference between the last two calculated values of $\vec{y}_{n+i}$. Each component of $\vec{v}$ is compared with the corresponding component of $\vec{ea}/(10 \cdot cl^p)$ for absolute error and with the product of the corresponding components of $\vec{er}/(10 \cdot cl^p)$ and the last calculated value of $\vec{y}_{n+i}$ for relative error. If any component of $\vec{v}$ exceeds in both the absolute and the relative error tests, the steps which calculate $\vec{y}_{n+i}$ using the corrector (1-3), calculate $\vec{f}_{n+i}$ from the value of $\vec{y}_{n+i}$, and which test the last two calculated values of $\vec{y}_{n+i}$ are repeated. When each component of $\vec{v}$ does not exceed in either the absolute or the relative error test, the last values of $\vec{y}_{n+i}$ and $\vec{f}_{n+i}$ are retained.

The mid-range formula (1-4) is now used to calculate a new value of $\vec{y}_n$ from

$$\left\{ f_{n+i} \right\}_{i=-m}^{m}$$

and

$$\overrightarrow{\delta^{-1} f_{n-\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

Let $\vec{v}$ be the vector which is the absolute value of the differences between the new value of $\vec{y}_n$ and the previously calculated value of $\vec{y}_n$. If sufficient history is available for doubling the step size, i.e., $n > q + m$, each component of $\vec{v}$ is compared with the corresponding component of $\vec{ea}/(10 \cdot cl^p \cdot 2^{q+3})$ for absolute error and with the product of the corresponding components of $\vec{er}/(10 \cdot cl^p \cdot 2^{q+3})$ and the new value of $\vec{y}_n$ for relative error.

If each component of $\vec{v}$ does not exceed in either the absolute or the relative error tests, the last m steps are accepted, c1 and c2 are halved, and the step size is doubled. If c2 < m, closing takes place. Otherwise

$$\left\{ f_i \right\}_{i=0}^{q}$$

becomes

$$\left\{ \vec{f}_{n-m+2i} \right\}_{i=0}^{q} \text{ ,}$$

$\vec{y}_m$ becomes $\vec{y}_{n-m}$, $\vec{y}_q$ becomes $\vec{y}_{n+m}$, x_q becomes x_{n+m}, and, as if the starting procedure had calculated these values, control returns to the step where

$$\overrightarrow{\delta^{-1} f}_{m-\frac{1}{2}}$$

is calculated using the mid-range formula (1-4).

If any component of $\vec{v}$ exceeds in both the absolute and the relative error tests, this component and each untested component is compared with the corresponding component of $\vec{ea}/(10 \cdot c1^p)$ for absolute error and with the product of the corresponding components of $\vec{er}/(10 \cdot c1^p)$ and the new value of $\vec{y}_n$ for relative error. If each component of $\vec{v}$ does not exceed in either the absolute or the relative error test, the last m steps are accepted and the step size remains unchanged. If c2 < m, closing takes place. Otherwise, n becomes n + m and control returns to the steps which calculate

$$\left\{ y_{n+i} \right\}_{i=1}^{m} \text{ .}$$

If any component of $\vec{v}$ exceeds in both the absolute and the relative error tests,

the last m steps are rejected, c2 is incremented by m, c1 and c2 are doubled, and the step size is halved. $\vec{f}_0$ becomes $\vec{f}_n$, $\vec{y}_0$ becomes $\vec{y}_n$, x_0 becomes x_n, and control is returned to the step which calls the start procedure.

If sufficient history is not available for doubling, control transfers as if the first component of $\vec{v}$ exceeded both the first component of $\vec{ea}/(10 \cdot c1^p \cdot 2^{q+3})$ and the product of the first components of $\vec{er}/(10 \cdot c1^p \cdot 2^{q+3})$ with the first component of the new value of $\vec{y}_n$.

Closing takes place whenever m steps at the present step size would carry the integration beyond xf, i.e., whenever c2 < m. If c2 > 0, the Runge-Kutta-Shanks procedure is used to integrate from the present value of x to xf; if c2 = 0, the present value of x is xf. In either case, the integration is now complete.

Several efficiency measures are employed in the program. First, the coefficients

$$\left\{ P_j \right\}_{j=0}^{q} \, ,$$

$$\left\{ C_j \right\}_{j=0}^{q} \, ,$$

and

$$\left\{ M_j \right\}_{j=0}^{q}$$

are multiplied by the step size h and stored as multiplied until the step size changes. Second, the vectors $\vec{ea}/(10 \cdot c1^p)$, $\vec{er}/(10 \cdot c1^p)$, $\vec{ea}/(10 \cdot c1^p \cdot 2^{q+3})$, and $\vec{er}/(10 \cdot c1^p \cdot 2^{q+3})$ are calculated from $\vec{ea}$ and $\vec{er}$ and stored as calculated until the step size changes. Third, the corrector

partial sum

$$h\delta^{-1}\overrightarrow{f}_{n-\frac{1}{2}} + h \sum_{j=1}^{q} C_j f_j$$

is computed and stored at each step; successive applications of the corrector only require adding $h \cdot C_0 \cdot f_n$ to obtain $\overrightarrow{y}_n$. Fourth, during applications of the corrector, two arrays are used to store the last two calculated values of $\overrightarrow{y}_n$; a flag is used to mark the last calculated value so that the next value is placed in the unflagged array and the flag is switched. This avoids transfer from array to array as successive corrector iterates are computed. Fifth, cyclic indexing is used to avoid moving the function value history after each step or set of steps unless doubling takes place.

One unusual condition can result. If, during any step taken in computing

$$\left\{\overrightarrow{y}_{n+i}\right\}_{i=1}^{m} ,$$

the number of times through the corrector exceeds eight, control transfers as if the set of m steps has been completed and rejected, i.e., a step size halving was called for with a restart beginning at $\overrightarrow{y}_n$.

3. Flow Diagram and Program Listing

Figure 3 is the flow diagram for the Cowell method. The program listing follows at the end of this section.

4. Results and Conclusions

The first important conclusion concerns the error control. The specified tolerances for absolute and relative error are handled vectorially to allow for systems in which the units of the various dependent variables are not the same. Such systems arise in physics, for example, from reduction of second order equations of motion in two dimensions to a first order system in

which two variables are positions and two variables are velocities. More important, however, is the requirement at each step that the error in each variable not exceed the specified tolerances divided by cl^p, where $0 \leq p \leq 1$. If $p = 0$, conventional vectorial error control results. If $p \neq 0$, however, an interesting phenomenon occurs. As the step size decreases, higher accuracy is required; as the step size increases, less accuracy is required. Hence, halving is often required sooner after a previous halving than when $p = 0$, and halving immediately after doubling is less frequent since the increase in error due to doubling is accompanied by a decrease in accuracy required.

One major result of this error control is the linearity of error obtained as a function of error asked. Earlier experiments [18] with $p = 0$ showed that dividing the asked error by ten sometimes had little or no effect on the error obtained; dividing the error asked by two sometimes decreased the error obtained by a factor of ten. Present experiments with $p = \frac{1}{2}$ show that multiplication of the error asked by a constant usually causes the error obtained to be multiplied by the same constant.

Division of the asked error tolerances by $10 \cdot cl^p$ rather than cl^p was determined experimentally to be necessary in order to assure that the error at each step be held to its desired value. This seems to be a peculiarity of the mid-range formula type of error estimation; namely, that the actual error after each set of m steps can be as much as ten times as large as the estimate given by the mid-range test.

Doubling occurs when the estimated error is less than the asked error tolerances divided by $10 \cdot cl^p \cdot 2^{q+3}$; hence, the doubling criteria are the accepting criteria divided by 2^{q+3}. This factor was also chosen experimentally,

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Figure 3.   Flow Diagram for the Cowell Method.

Figure 3 (Continued). Flow Diagram for the Cowell Method.

Figure 3 (Continued). Flow Diagram for the Cowell Method.

and it is the same factor that was determined in earlier experiments with p = 0 [18].

One other consequence of the present error control is the limitation of accuracy obtainable with a single precision program. When the relative estimated error is required to be less than 10^{-11} for doubling to occur, doubling is almost precluded since the computer can only carry eleven to twelve decimal digits. Under such conditions the number of steps increases enormously, and the program is virtually useless. For p = 0 and variables of order of magnitude one, this situation occurs when the error asked divided by $10 \cdot 2^{q+3}$ is about 10^{-11}; however, with p $\neq$ 0, this situation occurs when the step size is such that the error asked divided by $10 \cdot cl^p \cdot 2^{q+3}$ is about 10^{-11}. Thus the smallest allowable asked error is reduced as p approaches one.

Since the even integer q is also involved in the calculation of the smallest allowable asked error, it becomes apparent that the smallest allowable asked error can be asked with small q, yet the larger values of q offer their biggest advantage at higher asked accuracies. Results show that best single precision results tend to come from runs with q = 4 and q = 6 at the asked accuracies which are reasonable for single precision; earlier experiments with double precision asking higher accuracies [18] showed that best results came from higher values of q.

The matching of the order of the start procedure with the order of the Cowell method was somewhat difficult due to the limitation on accuracy asked. The (4,4) Shanks formula seemed to give best results for q = 4, at all accuracies and best results for q = 6 at larger asked errors; the (5,5) Shanks formula seemed to give best results for q = 6 at smaller or asked error. These results were not extensive enough to be conclusive, however.

Corrector convergence can become a problem under two conditions. First, the Runge-Kutta-Shanks formulas can take much larger steps than the Cowell method at lower asked accuracies. The step size chosen by the start procedure can be large enough so that the Cowell corrector will not converge, yet the steps are accurate enough as Runge-Kutta-Shanks steps. Second, in rapidly approaching a singularity the step size could suddenly become too large for Cowell corrector convergence, for step size control is only exercised after each m steps. The corrector counter was required to protect against the corrector not converging; a halving is called for whenever more than eight times through the corrector become necessary.

A final result concerns second order systems. Cowell's method was originally a pair of predictor and corrector formulas to be used to compute the positions as well as the velocities directly from the function value history. The predictor and corrector to compute the positions was of one higher order than the corresponding velocity formulas. Earlier experiments [18] were made using this type of approach. Present experiments required the second order system to be reduced to a first order system; the predictor and corrector are simply the velocity formulas. Both earlier and present experiments show the positions to be more accurate than the velocities; hence only time, not accuracy, is lost when a second order system must be solved as a first order system.

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00000000    PROCEDURE COWELL(N,XI,XF,Y,F,EA,ER,P,DX,RKSFN,RKSORDER,RKSCOEFF,Q,
00010000    COWELLCOEFF,START,SHANKS);
00020000    VALUE N,XI,XF,P,DX,RKSFN,RKSORDER,Q ;
00030000    INTEGER N,RKSFN,RKSORDER ;
00040000    REAL XI,XF,P,DX ;
00050000    REAL ARRAY Y,EA,ER,RKSCOEFF,COWELLCOEFF[0];
00060000    PROCEDURE F,SHANKS ;
00070000    INTEGER PROCEDURE START ;
00080000
00090000    BEGIN
00100000    INTEGER C1,M,MM1,OP1,TOP1,INDX,I1,I2,I3,I,J,K,CY1 ;
00110000    INTEGER CORRECT ;
00120000    REAL INT,C2,DFACTOR,X,H,T1,T2,T3,T4,T5,T6 ;
00130000    BOOLEAN DFLAG,PFLAG ;
00140000    REAL ARRAY FH[0:0,0:N],YMID1,YP,YC,YM,C5,FP,HDM1F,HDM1FMID,EAV,ERV
00150000    ,EAVD,ERVD[0:N],PCOEFF,CCOEFF,MCCOEFF[0:0];
00160000    LABEL L0,L1,L2,L3,L4,L5,STARTER,DOUBLER,ACCEPT,CORRECT,CLOSER;
00170000    INT:=XF - XI ;
00180000    C1:= 1 ;
00190000    L0:C1:=C1 +C1 ;
00200000    IF C1 <0 THEN GO TO L0 ;
00210000    IF DX <0 THEN DX :=-DX ;
00220000    IF DX ≠0 THEN
00230000    BEGIN
00240000    L1:IF ABS(INT)/C1 >DX THEN
00250000    BEGIN
00260000    C1 :=C1 +C1 ;
00270000    GO TO L1
00280000    END
00290000    END ;
00300000    C2 :=C1 ;
00310000    M :=Q DIV 2 ;
00320000    MM1 := M - 1 ;
00330000    OP1 := Q + 1 ;
00340000    TOP1 :=OP1 +Q ;
00350000    DFACTOR :=2.0 *(Q +3);
00360000    INDX := 0 ;
00370000    X := XI ;
00380000    F(N,X,Y,FH[0,*]);
00390000    STARTER,C1 :=(I1 :=START(N,XI,XF,C1,EA,ER,F,Q,X,Y,FH,FH,YMID1,INDX,
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     TQP1,1,P,RKSFN,RKSCOEFF))×C1 ;                                            00040000
     C2 :=C2 ×I1 -Q ;                                                          00041000
     INDX :=(INDX +Q)MOD TQP1 ;                                                00042000
     IF C2 <M THEN GO TO CLOSER ;                                              00043000
     DOUBLER:H :=INT /C1 ;                                                     00044000
     FOR K :=0 STEP 1 UNTIL Q DO                                               00045000
     BEGIN                                                                     00046000
       PCOEFF[K]:=COWELLCOEFF[K]×H ;                                           00047000
       CCOEFF[K]:=COWELLCOEFF[I1 :=K +QP1]×H ;                                 00048000
       MCOEFF[K]:=COWELLCOEFF[I1 +QP1]×H                                       00049000
     END ;                                                                     00050000
     T1 :=(C1 *P)×10.0 ;                                                       00051000
     FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO                                               00052000
     BEGIN                                                                     00053000
       EAVD[J]:=(EAV[J]:=EA[J]/T1)/DFACTOR ;                                   00054000
       ERVD[J]:=(ERV[J]:=ER[J]/T1)/DFACTOR                                     00055000
     END ;                                                                     00056000
     T1 :=MCOEFF[0];                                                           00057000
     FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO HDM1F[J]:=YMID1[J]-FH[INDX,J]×T1 ;            00058000
     CYI :=INDX +TQP1 ;                                                        00059000
     I3 :=CYI -QP1 ;                                                           00060000
     FOR K :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL M DO                                               00061000
     BEGIN ·                                                                   00062000
       I1 :=(CYI -K)MOD TQP1 ;                                                 00063000
       I2 :=(I3 +K)MOD TQP1 ;                                                  00064000
       T1 :=MCOEFF[K]-H ;                                                      00065000
       T2 :=MCOEFF[QP1 -K];                                                    00066000
       FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO HDM1F[J]:=HDM1F[J]-FH[I1,J]×T1 -FH[I2,J]00067000
       ×T2                                                                     00068000
     END ;                                                                     00069000
     FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO HDM1FMID[J]:=HDM1F[J];                        00070000
     DFLAG :=FALSE ;                                                           00071000
     ACCEPT:FOR I :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL M DO                                        00072000
     BEGIN                                                                     00073000
       CYI :=(INDX :=(INDX +1)MOD TQP1)+TQP1 ;                                 00074000
       X :=XF -(C2 -I)×H ;                                                     00075000
       I1 :=(CYI -1)MOD TQP1 ;                                                 00076000
       T1 :=PCOEFF[0];                                                         00077000
       T2 :=CCOEFF[1];                                                         00078000
       FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO                                            00079000
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BEGIN                                                                         00080000
YP[J]:=(T4 :=(HDM1F[J]:=HDM1F[J]+H x(T3 :=FH[I1,J])))+T1 xT3 ;                 00081000
CS[J]:=T4 +T2 xT3                                                             00082000
END ;                                                                         00083000
I3 :=CYI -QP1 ;                                                               00084000
FOR K :=2 STEP 1 UNTIL M DO                                                    00085000
BEGIN                                                                         00086000
I1 :=(CYI -K)MOD TQP1 ;                                                        00087000
I2 :=(I3 +K)MOD TQP1 ;                                                         00088000
T1 :=PCOEFF[K -1];                                                            00089000
T2 :=CCOEFF[K];                                                               00090000
T3 :=PCOEFF[Q -K];                                                            00091000
T4 :=CCOEFF[QP1 -K];                                                          00092000
FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO                                                    00093000
BEGIN                                                                         00094000
YP[J]:=YP[J]+T1 x(T5 :=FH[I1,J])+T3 x(T6 :=FH[I2,J]);                          00095000
CS[J]:=CS[J]+T2 xT5 +T4 xT6                                                   00096000
END ;                                                                         00097000
I1 :=(CYI -Q)MOD TQP1 ;                                                        00098000
I2 :=(CYI -QP1)MOD TQP1 ;                                                      00099000
T1 :=PCOEFF[Q -1];                                                            00100000
T2 :=CCOEFF[Q];                                                               00101000
T3 :=PCOEFF[Q];                                                               00102000
FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO                                                    00103000
BEGIN                                                                         00104000
YP[J]:=YP[J]+T1 x(T4 :=FH[I1,J])+T3 xFH[I2,J];                                 00105000
CS[J]:=CS[J]+T2 xT4                                                           00106000
END ;                                                                         00107000
T2 :=CCOEFF[0];                                                               00108000
CORRECTCNT :=1 ;                                                              00109000
CORRECT:F(N,X,YP,FP);                                                         00110000
FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO IF (T1 :=ABS((T3 :=(YC[J]:=CS[J]+T2 xFP           00111000
[J])-YP[J]))>EAV[J]THEN                                                        00112000
BEGIN                                                                         00113000
IF T1 >ERV[J]xABS(Y3)THEN                                                      00114000
BEGIN                                                                         00115000
FOR J :=J +1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO YC[J]:=CS[J]+T2 xFP[J];                         00116000
F(N,X,YC,FP);                                                                 00117000
FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO IF (T1 :=ABS((T3 :=(YP[J]:=CS[J]+T2               00118000
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×FP[J]))-YC[J]))>EAV[J]THEN                                              00120000
BEGIN                                                                    00121000
IF T1 >ERV[J]×ABS(T3)THEN                                                00122000
BEGIN                                                                    00123000
FOR J :=J +1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO YP[J]:=CS[J]+T2 ×FP[J];                   00124000
CORRECTCNT :=CORRECTCNT +2 ;                                             00125000
IF CORRECTCNT >8 THEN                                                    00126000
BEGIN                                                                    00127000
INDX :=(CYI -I)MOD TQP1 ;                                                00128000
GO TO L5                                                                 00129000
END ;                                                                    00130000
GO TO CORRECT                                                            00131000
END                                                                      00132000
END ;                                                                    00133000
F(N,X,YP,FH[INDX,*]);                                                    00134000
PFLAG :=TRUE ;                                                           00135000
CORRECTCNT :=CORRECTCNT +1 ;                                             00136000
GO TO L2                                                                 00137000
END ;                                                                    00138000
F(N,X,YC,FH[INDX,*]);                                                    00139000
PFLAG :=FALSE ;                                                          00140000
L2;                                                                      00141000
I1 :=(CYI -M)MOD TQP1 ;                                                  00142000
T1 :=MCOEFF[M];                                                          00143000
FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO YM[J]:=HDM1FMID[J]+T1 ×FH[I1,J];             00144000
I3 :=CYI -Q ;                                                            00145000
FOR K :=0 STEP 1 UNTIL MM1 DO                                            00146000
BEGIN                                                                    00147000
I1 :=(CYI -K)MOD TQP1 ;                                                  00148000
I2 :=(I3 +K)MOD TQP1 ;                                                   00149000
T1 :=MCOEFF[K];                                                          00150000
T2 :=MCOEFF[Q -K];                                                       00151000
FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO YM[J]:=YM[J]+T1 ×FH[I1,J]+T2 ×FH[I2,J]       00152000
END ;                                                                    00153000
IF DFLAG THEN                                                            00154000
BEGIN                                                                    00155000
FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO IF (T2 :=ABS((T3 :=Y[J])-YM[J]))>EAVD[J      00156000
]THEN                                                                    00157000
                                                                         00158000
                                                                         00159000
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    BEGIN                                                         00160000
      IF T2 >ERVD[J]×ABS(T3)THEN                                  00161000
      BEGIN                                                       00162000
        IF T2 >EAV[J]THEN                                         00163000
        BEGIN                                                     00164000
          IF T2 >ERV[J]×ABS(T3)THEN GO TO L4                      00165000
        END :                                                     00166000
        GO TO L3                                                  00167000
      END                                                         00168000
    END :                                                         00169000
    C2 :=C2 -M :                                                  00170000
    C2 :=C2 /2.0 :                                                00171000
    IF PFLAG THEN FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO Y[J]:=YP[J]ELSE FOR J :=1 00172000
    STEP 1 UNTIL N DO Y[J]:=YC[J]:                                00173000
    C1 :=C1 DIV 2 :                                               00174000
    IF C2 <M THEN GO TO CLOSER :                                  00175000
    INDX :=INDX +1 :                                              00176000
    FOR K :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL Q DO                                   00177000
    BEGIN                                                         00178000
      INDX :=(INDX +1)MOD TQP1 :                                  00179000
      I1 :=(INDX +K)MOD TQP1 :                                    00180000
      FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO FH[INDX,J]:=FH[I1,J]            00181000
    END :                                                         00182000
    GO TO DOUBLER                                                 00183000
  END :                                                           00184000
  J :=0 :                                                         00185000
L3:FOR J :=J +1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO IF (T2 :=ABS((T3 :=Y[J])-YM[J]))>EAV00186000
[J]THEN                                                          00187000
BEGIN                                                            00188000
  IF T2 >ERV[J]×ABS(T3)THEN                                       00189000
  BEGIN                                                          00190000
    L4:INDX :=(CYI -M)MOD TQP1 :                                 00191000
    L5:C1 :=C1 +C1 :                                             00192000
    X :=XF -C2 ×H :                                               00193000
    C2 :=C2 +C2 :                                                00194000
    GO TO STARTER                                                00195000
  END                                                            00196000
END :                                                            00197000
C2 :=C2 -M :                                                     00198000
IF C2 ≥M THEN                                                    00199000
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BEGIN5                                                                    00200000
IF PFLAG THEN FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO                                  00201000
  BEGIN                                                                    00202000
    YMID1[J]:=Y[J];                                                        00203000
    Y[J]:=YP[J];                                                           00204000
    HDM1FMID[J]:=HDM1F[J]                                                  00205000
END ELSE FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO                                       00206000
  BEGIN                                                                    00207000
    YMID1[J]:=Y[J];                                                        00208000
    Y[J]:=YC[J];                                                           00209000
    HDM1FMID[J]:=HDM1F[J]                                                  00210000
  END ;                                                                    00211000
  DFLAG :=TRUE ;                                                           00212000
  GO TO ACCEPT                                                             00213000
END ;                                                                      00214000
IF PFLAG THEN FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO Y[J]:=YP[J]ELSE FOR J :=1        00215000
STEP 1 UNTIL N DO Y[J]:=YC[J];                                            00216000
CLOSER:IF C2 >0 THEN SHANKS(N,X,XF,Y,F,RKSFN,RKSORDER,RKSCOEFF,P,EA,ER     00217000
,ABS(INT)/C1);                                                            00218000
                                                                          00219000
END ;                                                                      00220000
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D. The Runge-Kutta-Shanks Method

1. Introduction

The procedure described is a generalization of the Runge-Kutta method for solving a system of differential equations. It may be applied to an arbitrary system of first-order differential equations of the form

$$\vec{y}' = \vec{f}(x, \vec{y})$$

with the initial conditions

$$\vec{y}(x_0) = \vec{y}_0$$

where
$$\vec{y}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ y_n(x) \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \vec{y}'(x) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1'(x) \\ \vdots \\ y_n'(x) \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\vec{f}(x,\vec{y}) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x, y_1, \ldots, y_n) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x, y_1, \ldots, y_n) \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \vec{y}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} y_{10} \\ \vdots \\ y_{n0} \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. Description of the Method

The Shanks Method is a single-step procedure for finding a numerical solution of a first-order ordinary differential equation or system of differential equations in which the derivatives of the dependent variables may be expressed explicitly as functions of the independent and dependent variables.

Consider the system of differential equation

$$\vec{y}' = \vec{f}(x, \vec{y}) \quad .$$

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Suppose the value of $\vec{y}(x)$ is known. The value $\vec{y}(x + h)$ is approximated by

$$\vec{y}(x + h) = \vec{y}(x) + h \sum_{i=1}^{m} \gamma_i \vec{f}_i(x,h,\vec{y}),$$

where

$$\vec{f}_1(x,h,\vec{y}) = \vec{f}(x,\vec{y}),$$

$$\vec{f}_i(x,h,\vec{y}) = \vec{f}(x + \alpha_i h, \vec{y} + h \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \beta_{ij} \vec{f}_j), \quad i = 2, \ldots, m.$$

The coefficients α_i $(i = 2, \ldots, m)$,

$$\beta_{ij} \ (i = 2, \ldots, m; \ j = 1, \ldots, i-1), \text{ and } \gamma_i (i = 1, \ldots, m)$$

are chosen so as to make the approximation correct to some order. A special case of the Shanks formula is the fourth-order Runge-Kutta formula:

$$\alpha_2 = 1/2, \ \alpha_3 = 1/2, \ \alpha_4 = 1,$$

$$\beta_{21} = 1/2, \ \beta_{31} = 0, \ \beta_{32} = 1/2, \ \beta_{41} = \beta_{42} = 0, \ \beta_{43} = 1,$$

$$\gamma_1 = 1/6, \ \gamma_2 = 1/3, \ \gamma_3 = 1/3, \ \gamma_4 = 1/6.$$

For useful values of the various combinations of α, β, and γ, see Shanks [17].

3. The Computer Procedure

The procedure was programmed for the B-5500 computer in the B-5500 Algol language. Single precision arithmetic (11 to 12 decimal digits) was used.

3.1 Error Estimates and Step Size Control

In this procedure a single set of Shanks formulas is used. Suppose

a vector $\vec{y}(x)$ is known. Then the Shanks method is applied to one step of size h(where $h = \frac{\Delta x}{c}$, Δx is the length of the interval, and c is a power of two), and to two steps of size $\frac{h}{2}$, as follows:

$$\vec{y}_p = \vec{y}(x) + h \sum_{i=1}^{m} \gamma_i \vec{f}_i(x,h,\vec{y}),$$

$$\vec{y}_m = \vec{y}(x) + \frac{h}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \gamma_i \vec{f}_i(x,\frac{h}{2},\vec{y})$$

$$\vec{y}_c = \vec{y}_m + \frac{h}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \gamma_i \vec{f}_i(x + \frac{h}{2},\frac{h}{2},\vec{y}_m).$$

Both $\vec{y}_p$ and $\vec{y}_c$ are estimates of $\vec{y}(x+h)$. An error estimate $E_k = \left| \frac{y_{ck} - y_{pk}}{f} \right|$ (where f is an empirical factor) is calculated for each independent variable y_k. If both $E_k > \frac{E_{ak}}{c^p}$ and $E_k > \frac{E_{rk}|y_{ck}|}{c^p}$ for any dependent variable where E_{ak} is an absolute error estimate, E_{rk} is a relative error estimate, and p is an input parameter, usually 1 or 1/2, then the step is rejected and the step size is halved; otherwise the step is accepted and $\vec{y}_c$ is taken as the vector $\vec{y}(x+h)$. If for every dependent variable, either $E_k > \frac{E_{ak}}{2^{(j+3)}c^p}$ or $E_k > \frac{E_{rk}|y_{ck}|}{2^{(j+3)}c^p}$, where j is the order, then the step size is doubled. If the step size h is larger than the distance to the end of the interval, then that distance is taken as the step size.

3.2 Input and Output of the Procedure

The procedure is called as follows:

SHANKS (N,XI,XF,YV,F,M,ORDER,CF,P,EA,ER,DX);

where the parameters have the following meaning:

N - number of dependent variables;

XI - initial value of the independent variable;

XF - final value of the independent variable;

YV - array of initial values of the dependent variables, based at zero but with the zero element not used;

F - a function evaluation procedure, supplied by the user, called as follows

$$F(N,X,YV,FV);$$

where N is the number of dependent variables, X is the value of the independent variable, YV is the array of values of the dependent variables, and FV is the array in which the function values are placed;

M - the number of function evaluations in each application of the Shanks method;

ORDER - the order of the Shanks formulas used;

CF - the array of Shanks coefficients, starting in the zero element arranged as follows: for each i, the corresponding $\alpha_i \beta_{ij}$'s, followed by α_i, with the γ_i's at the end;

P - an exponent (usually 1/2 or 1) used in step size control (1 assuming the errors are additive; 1/2 assuming that they are random);

EA - an array of absolute error asked;

ER - an array of relative error asked;

DX - a recommended starting step size (the actual starting step size will be $\frac{XF - XI}{c}$, where c is the smallest power of 2 for which $\left|\frac{XF - XI}{c}\right| \leq \left|DX\right|$).

The final values of the dependent variable are stored in YV before exiting the procedure.

4. Flow Diagram and Program Listing

Figure 4 is the flow diagram for the Runge-Kutta-Shanks procedure. A listing of the program is given at the end of this section.

5. Results and Conclusions

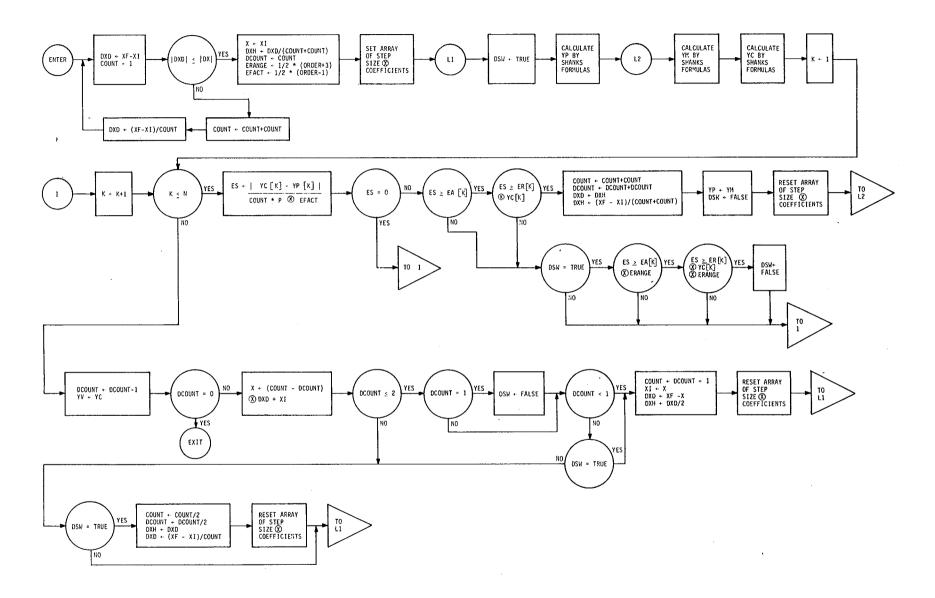This procedure was used with systems of differential equations with

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DXD ← XF-XI
COUNT ← 1

|DXD| ≤ |DX| YES

X ← XI
DXH ← DXD/(COUNT+COUNT)
DCOUNT ← COUNT
ERANGE ← 1/2 * (ORDER+3)
EFACT ← 1/2 * (ORDER-1)

SET ARRAY
OF STEP
SIZE ⊗
COEFFICIENTS

L1

DSW ← TRUE

CALCULATE
YP BY
SHANKS
FORMULAS

L2

CALCULATE
YM BY
SHANKS
FORMULAS

CALCULATE
YC BY
SHANKS
FORMULAS

K ← 1

NO

DXD ← (XF-XI)/COUNT ← COUNT ← COUNT+COUNT

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K ← K+1

K ≤ N YES

$ES ← \dfrac{|YC[K] - YP[K]|}{COUNT * P ⊗ EFACT}$

ES = 0 NO

ES ≥ EA[K] YES

ES ≥ ER[K]
⊗ YC[K] YES

COUNT ← COUNT+COUNT
DCOUNT ← DCOUNT+DCOUNT
DXD ← DXH
DXH ← (XF - XI)/(COUNT+COUNT)

YP ← YM
DSW ← FALSE

RESET ARRAY
OF STEP
SIZE ⊗
COEFFICIENTS

TO
L2

YES

NO

NO

TO 1

DSW = TRUE YES

ES ≥ EA[K]
⊗ ERANGE YES

ES ≥ ER[K]
⊗ YC[K]
⊗ ERANGE YES

DSW ←
FALSE

NO

NO

NO

NO

TO
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NO

DCOUNT ← DCOUNT-1
YV ← YC

DCOUNT = 0 NO

X ← (COUNT - DCOUNT)
⊗ DXD + XI

DCOUNT ≤ 2 YES

DCOUNT = 1 YES

DSW ← FALSE

DCOUNT < 1 YES

COUNT ← DCOUNT + 1
XI ← X
DXD ← XF -X
DXH ← DXD/2

RESET ARRAY
OF STEP
SIZE ⊗
COEFFICIENTS

TO
L1

YES

EXIT

NO

NO

NO

NO DSW = TRUE YES

DSW = TRUE YES

COUNT ← COUNT/2
DCOUNT ← DCOUNT/2
DXH ← DXD
DXD ← (XF - XI)/COUNT

RESET ARRAY
OF STEP
SIZE ⊗
COEFFICIENTS

TO
L1

NO

Figure 4.   Flow Diagram for the Runge-Kutta-Shanks Procedure.

analytic solutions, as well as with the three-body problem. It gave slightly more accuracy than was asked.

In order to reach the end of the interval more accurately, the steps taken were binary fractions of the total interval. Hence, it was necessary to use halving and doubling rather than the continuous step size control of previous experiments [18]. Although this caused the rejection of more steps, it prevented roundoff in the independent variable.

The procedure was first run without the empirical factor f (i.e., with f = 1) mentioned in 3.1. The results were more accurate than asked.

The theoretical value, $f = \dfrac{1}{2^{\text{order}} - 1}$, was then used. It was found that for some formulas (in particular, 8-10 and 8-12), the desired accuracy was not reached.

Finally, runs were made with a compromise value, $f = \dfrac{1}{2^{\text{order} - 1}}$. In this case, the results were good for most formulas, but the Shanks 8-10 formulas still sometimes did not obtain the desired accuracy.

It might be noted that the most accurate results were usually obtained with the Shanks 4-4 formulas.

It is recommended that further experimentation be done in the area of step-size control with the Runge-Kutta-Shanks method. In particular, other values for the factor f might be used. It might be desirable to determine a particular constant for each set of formulas.

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00000000    PROCEDURE SHANKS(N,XI,XF,YV,F,M,ORDER,CF,P,EA,ER,DX);
00001000    VALUE N,XI,XF,M,ORDER,P,DX;
00002000    INTEGER N,M,ORDER;
00003000    REAL XI,XF,P,DX;
00004000    REAL ARRAY YV,CF,EA,ER[0];
00005000    PROCEDURE F;
00006000
00007000    BEGIN
00008000    INTEGER I,J,K,L,COUNT,COUNT2,II,NCF;
00009000    INTEGER NCF1;
00010000    INTEGER DKTR;
00011000    REAL EFACT;
00012000    REAL BETA,DCOUNT,DXD,DXH,DXT,EFACTOR,ERANGE,E3,GAMMA,X,XM;
00013000    BOOLEAN CFSW,DSW;
00014000    REAL ARRAY CFD[0:M+3]×M-2],FV[0:M-1,0:N],GV,YC,YM,YP[0:N];
00015000    DEFINE CFH=CFD#;
00016000    LABEL L1,L2,EXIT;
00017000    INTEGER STEPR,STEPS;
00018000    M←M-1;
00019000    STEPS←STEPR←0;
00020000    DXD←DXT+XF−XI;
00021000    IF DXT=0THEN GO TO EXIT;
00022000    IF DX=0THEN DX←DXD;
00023000    COUNT←1;
00024000    WHILE ABS(DX)>ABS(DXD)DO
00025000    BEGIN
00026000    COUNT←COUNT+COUNT;
00027000    DXD←DXT/COUNT;
00028000
00029000    END;
00030000    COUNT2←COUNT+COUNT;
00031000    DXH←DXT/COUNT2;
00032000    DCOUNT←COUNT;
00033000    EFACT←1;
00034000    FOR I←1STEP 1UNTIL ORDER DO EFACT←EFACT+EFACT;
00035000    ERANGE←0.125/EFACT;
00036000    EFACT←4/EFACT;
00037000    EFACTOR←COUNT+COUNT+P×EFACT;
00038000    DKTR←0;
00039000    NCF1←(M×M+M)DIV 2+M+M;
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NCF+NCF1+1;                                                          00040000
CFSW+FALSE;                                                          00041000
FOR I+0STEP 1UNTIL NCF1 DO                                           00042000
BEGIN                                                                00043000
   CFD[I]+CF[I]×DXD;                                                 00044000
   CFH[I+NCF]+CF[I]×DXH;                                             00045000
                                                                    00046000
END;                                                                00047000
X+XI;                                                                00048000
XM+XI+DXH;                                                           00049000
L1:DSW+TRUE;                                                         00050000
F(N,X,YV,GV);                                                        00051000
IF CFSW THEN L+NCF1 ELSE L+-1;                                       00052000
FOR I+1STEP 1UNTIL M DO                                              00053000
BEGIN                                                                00054000
   II+I-1;                                                           00055000
   L+L+1;                                                            00056000
   BETA+CFD[L];                                                      00057000
   FOR K+1STEP 1UNTIL N DO YP[K]+GV[K]×BETA+YV[K];                   00058000
   FOR J+1STEP 1UNTIL II DO                                          00059000
   BEGIN                                                             00060000
      L+L+1;                                                         00061000
      BETA+CFD[L];                                                   00062000
      FOR K+1STEP 1UNTIL N DO YP[K]+FV[J,K]×BETA+YP[K];              00063000
                                                                    00064000
   END;                                                              00065000
   L+L+1;                                                            00066000
   F(N,CFD[L]+X,YP,FV[I,*]);                                         00067000
                                                                    00068000
END;                                                                00069000
L+L+1;                                                               00070000
GAMMA+CFD[L];                                                        00071000
FOR K+1STEP 1UNTIL N DO YP[K]+GV[K]×GAMMA+YV[K];                     00072000
FOR I+1STEP 1UNTIL M DO                                              00073000
BEGIN                                                                00074000
   L+L+1;                                                            00075000
   GAMMA+CFD[L];                                                     00076000
   FOR K+1STEP 1UNTIL N DO YP[K]+FV[I,K]×GAMMA+YP[K];                00077000
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END;                                                                00079000
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L2:IF CFSW THEN L←-1;                                                    00080000
FOR I←1STEP 1UNTIL M DO                                                  00081000
BEGIN                                                                    00082000
  II←I-1;                                                                00083000
  L←L+1;                                                                 00084000
  BETA←CFH[L];                                                           00085000
  FOR K←1STEP 1UNTIL N DO YM[K]←GV[K]×BETA+YV[K];                        00086000
  FOR J←1STEP 1UNTIL II DO                                               00087000
  BEGIN                                                                  00088000
    L←L+1;                                                               00089000
    BETA←CFH[L];                                                         00090000
    FOR K←1STEP 1UNTIL N DO YM[K]←FV[J,K]×BETA+YM[K];                    00091000
                                                                         00092000
  END;                                                                   00093000
  L←L+1;                                                                 00094000
  F(N,CFH[L]+X,YM,FV[I,*]);                                             00095000
                                                                         00096000
END;                                                                     00097000
L←L+1;                                                                   00098000
GAMMA←CFH[L];                                                            00099000
FOR K←1STEP 1UNTIL N DO YM[K]←GV[K]×GAMMA+YV[K];                         00100000
FOR I←1STEP 1UNTIL M DO                                                  00101000
BEGIN                                                                    00102000
  L←L+1;                                                                 00103000
  GAMMA←CFH[L];                                                          00104000
  FOR K←1STEP 1UNTIL N DO YM[K]←FV[I,K]×GAMMA+YM[K];                     00105000
                                                                         00106000
END;                                                                     00107000
F(N,XM,YM,FV[0,*]);                                                     00108000
IF CFSW THEN L←-1ELSE L←NCF1;                                            00109000
FOR I←1STEP 1UNTIL M DO                                                  00110000
BEGIN                                                                    00111000
  II←I-1;                                                                00112000
  FOR K←1STEP 1UNTIL N DO YC[K]←YM[K];                                   00113000
  FOR J←0STEP 1UNTIL II DO                                               00114000
  BEGIN                                                                  00115000
    L←L+1;                                                               00116000
    BETA←CFH[L];                                                         00117000
    FOR K←1STEP 1UNTIL N DO YC[K]←FV[J,K]×BETA+YC[K];                    00118000
                                                                         00119000
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          END;
          L+L+1;
          F(N,CFH[L]+XM,YC,FV[I,*]));


     END;
     FOR K+1STEP 1UNTIL N DO YC[K]+YM[K];
     FOR I+0STEP 1UNTIL M DO
     BEGIN
          L+L+1;
          GAMMA+CFH[L];
          FOR K+1STEP 1UNTIL N DO YC[K]+FV[I,K]×GAMMA+YC[K]);


     END;
     FOR K+1STEP 1UNTIL N DO
     BEGIN
          ES+ABS(YC[K]-YP[K])×EFACTOR;
          IF ES≠0THEN
          BEGIN
               IF ES≥EA[K]THEN IF ES≥ABS(YC[K])×ER[K]THEN
               BEGIN
                    DSW+FALSE;
                    STEPR+STEPR+1;
                    COUNT+COUNT2;
                    COUNT2+COUNT+COUNT;
                    DCOUNT+DCOUNT+DCOUNT;
                    DXD+DXH;
                    DXH+DXT/COUNT2;
                    EFACTOR+COUNT*P×EFACT;
                    IF CFSW THEN
                    BEGIN
                         FOR I+0STEP 1UNTIL NCF1 DO CFH[I+NCF]+CF[I]×DXH;
                         CFSW+FALSE;

                    END ELSE
                    BEGIN
                         FOR I+0STEP 1UNTIL NCF1 DO CFH[I]+CF[I]×DXH;
                         CFSW+TRUE;

                    END;
                    XM+(COUNT2+1-DCOUNT-DCOUNT)×DXH+XI;
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FOR K←1STEP 1UNTIL N DO YP[K]←YM[K];
GO TO L2;
END;
IF DSW THEN IF ES≥EA[K]×ERANGE THEN IF ES≥ABS(YC[K]÷YM[K])×ER[K]×ERANGE
THEN DSW←FALSE;
END;

END;
DCOUNT←DCOUNT-1;
STEPS←STEPS+1;
FOR K←1STEP 1UNTIL N DO YV[K]←YC[K];
IF DCOUNT=0THEN GO TO EXIT;
X←(CCOUNT-DCOUNT)×DXD+XI;
IF DCOUNT<2THEN
BEGIN
IF DCOUNT=1THEN DSW←FALSE;
IF DCOUNT<1OR DSW THEN
BEGIN
IF DCOUNT>1THEN DKTR←DKTR+1;
COUNT←DCOUNT+1;
COUNT2←2;
EFACTOR←EFACT;
XI←X;
DXD←DXT+XF-XI;
DXH←DXD/2;
XM←XI+DXH;
CFSW←FALSE;
FOR I←0STEP 1UNTIL NCF1 DO
BEGIN
CFD[I]←CF[I]×DXD;
CFH[I]←NCF]←CF[I]×DXH;
END;
GO TO L1;

END;
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IF DSW THEN                                                          00200000
BEGIN                                                                00201000
  DKTR+DKTR+1}                                                       00202000
  COUNT2+COUNT}                                                      00203000
  COUNT+COUNT DIV 2}                                                 00204000
  DCOUNT+DCOUNT/2}                                                   00205000
  DXH+DXD}                                                           00206000
  DXD+DXT/COUNT}                                                     00207000
  EFACTOR+COUNT*P×EFACT}                                             00208000
  IF CFSW THEN                                                       00209000
  BEGIN                                                              00210000
    FOR I+OSTEP 1UNTIL NCF1 DO CFD[I]+CF[I]×DXD}                     00211000
    CFSW+FALSE}                                                      00212000
                                                                     00213000
  END ELSE                                                           00214000
  BEGIN                                                              00215000
    FOR I+OSTEP 1UNTIL NCF1 DO CFD[I+NCF]+CF[I]×DXD}                 00216000
    CFSW+TRUE}                                                       00217000
                                                                     00218000
  END}                                                               00219000
                                                                     00220000
  END}                                                               00221000
  XM+(COUNT2+1-DCOUNT-DCOUNT)×DXH+XI}                                00222000
  GO TO L1}                                                          00223000
  EXIT}                                                              00224000
END}                                                                 00225000
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E. The General Multistep Method Starting Procedure

   1. Introduction

         The general multistep method starting procedure is a B-5500 ALGOL

single-precision Runge-Kutta-Shanks procedure used for obtaining starting

values for the Adams, Butcher, and Cowell multistep methods. The declaration

is as follows:

   integer procedure start (m, xi, xf, cl, ea, er, f, m, x, yiv,

                        yh, fh, yfv, cyi, cym, pa, p,

                        fneval, rksconst);

   value n, xi, xf, cl, m, cyi, cym, per, p, fneval;

   integer n, cl, m, cyi, cym, pa, fneval

   real xi, xf, x, p;

   real array ea, er, yiv, yfv, rksconst [0], yh, fh [0,0];

   procedure f;

   2. Description of the Procedure

   The parameters of the procedure are defined as follows:

   n - the number of dependent variables

   xi - the starting value of the independent variable x passed to the

multistep method

   xf - the final value of the independent variable x passed to the

multistep method

   cl - the integer counter (xf - xi)/h from the multistep method

   ea - the absolute error vector passed to the multistep method

   er - the relative error vector passed to the multistep method

   f - the procedure which computes $\vec{f}(x,\vec{y}) = \vec{y}'$

   m - the number of history points to be calculated by start

x - the value of the independent variable at which start begins its integration

yiv - the array which contains on entry for Adams and Cowell the values of the dependent variables at x and which contains on exit for Cowell the values of the dependent variable at the mth point calculated by start

yh - the array which contains on entry for Butcher in row cyi the values of the dependent variables at x and which contains on exit for Butcher the values of the dependent variables at each of the m points calculated by start

fh - the array which contains on entry in row cyi the function values at x and which contains on exit the function values at each of the m points calculated by start

yfv - the array which contains on exit the values of the dependent variables at the mth point calculated by start for Adams or the m/2th point calculated by start for Cowell

cyi - the cyclic index identifying on entry the row of yh in which the values of the dependent variables at x are stored for Butcher and the row of fh in which the function values at x are stored for any method

cym - the number of rows in the arrays yh and fh

pa - the parameter which is zero for Adams, one for Cowell, two for Butcher

p - the exponent such that the absolute error at each step is not to exceed ea/cl^p and the relative error at each step is not to exceed er/cl^p

fneval - the number of function evaluations required by the Runge-Kutta-Shanks procedure

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<u>rksconst</u> - the array which contains the Runge-Kutta-Shanks coefficients in the same order as required by the procedure <u>shanks</u> described in section <u>D</u>.

The value of <u>start</u> on exit is two to the power of the number of halvings which took place within <u>start</u>.

Although the base of the arrays <u>ea</u>, <u>er</u>, <u>yiv</u>, and <u>yfv</u> and of the rows of <u>yh</u> and <u>fh</u> is zero, the n components are placed in position 1, 2, ..., n and the zero position is unused.

The procedure attempts to calculate m (if m is even and positive) or m + 1 (if m is odd) Runge-Kutta-Shanks steps of size h = (xf - xi)/cl. After each even step of size h is taken, one step of size 2h is taken over the interval spanned by the two steps of size h. The absolute value of the differences in each dependent variable between the 2h-step and the second h-step is compared with the corresponding component of $\vec{ea}/(cl/2)^p$ for absolute error and with the product of the corresponding component of $\vec{er}/(cl/2)^p$ and the corresponding dependent variable value from the second h-step for relative error. If each component of the difference does not exceed in either the absolute or the relative error test and m steps have not yet been taken, the process of two h-steps, one 2h-step, and test is continued. If any component of the difference exceeds in both the absolute and the relative error tests, cl is doubled, h is halved, and integration begins again at x. The first step of previous size h was saved and becomes the first step of present size 2h.

The m calculated function values from h-steps are placed in rows (cyi+1) mod cym, (cyi+2) mod cym, ..., (cyi+m) mod cym of the array fh. For Butcher, the corresponding dependent variable values from h-steps are placed in the corresponding rows of the array yh; if m is odd, the values of the dependent

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variable after h-step m + 1 are placed in row $(cyi + m + 1)$ mod cym of yh. For Adams, the dependent variable values from h-step m are placed in the array yfv. For Cowell, the dependent variable values from h-step m are placed in the array yiv and from h-step m/2 (m is always even for Cowell) are placed in yfv. If m is zero, no calculation takes place.

3. <u>Flow Diagram and Program Listing</u>

Figure 5 is the flow diagram for the starting procedure. The program listing follows at the end of this section.

Figure 5. Flow Diagram for the General Multistep Method Starting Procedure.

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Figure 5 (Continued). Flow Diagram for the General Multistep Method Starting Procedure.

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INTEGER PROCEDURE START(N,XI,XF,C1,EA,ER,F,M,X,YIV,YH,FH,YFV,CYI,CYM,PA    00000000
        ,P,FNEVAL,RKSCONST)}                                               00001000
VALUE N,XI,XF,C1,M,CYI,CYM,PA,P,FNEVAL }                                   00002000
INTEGER N,C1,M,CYI,CYM,PA,FNEVAL }                                         00003000
REAL XI,XF,X,P }                                                          00004000
REAL ARRAY EA,ER,YIV,YFV,RKSCONST(0),YH,FH(0,0)}                          00005000
PROCEDURE F }                                                             00006000
                                                                          00007000
BEGIN                                                                     00008000
INTEGER I,J,K,L,COEFFCNT,FNMAX,INDX,NINDX,CNTR }                          00009000
REAL INT,H,TWOH,T1 }                                                      00010000
REAL ARRAY HC,TWOHC(0:(((FNEVAL+3)*FNEVAL)/2)-2),EAV,ERV,Y1,Y2,Y3,Y4(0:N)}00011000
IN],GTO[0:FNEVAL -2,0:N]}                                                 00012000
LABEL L1,L2,L3,L4,L5,L6 }                                                 00013000
PROCEDURE RUNKUT(N,X,FNMAX,COEFF,YIV,YFV,FV,F,G)}                         00014000
VALUE N,X,FNMAX }                                                         00015000
INTEGER N,FNMAX }                                                         00016000
REAL X }                                                                  00017000
REAL ARRAY COEFF,YIV,YFV,FV(0),G(0,0)}                                    00018000
PROCEDURE F }                                                             00019000
                                                                          00020000
BEGIN                                                                     00021000
INTEGER I,J,K,CNT }                                                       00022000
REAL TEMP }                                                               00023000
TEMP:=COEFF[CNT :=0]}                                                     00024000
FOR I :=0 STEP 1 UNTIL FNMAX DO                                           00025000
BEGIN                                                                     00026000
FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO YFV[J]:=FV[J]×TEMP +YIV[J]}                   00027000
FOR K :=0 STEP 1 UNTIL I -1 DO                                            00028000
BEGIN                                                                     00029000
TEMP:=COEFF[CNT :=CNT +1]}                                                00030000
FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO YFV[J]:=G[K,J]×TEMP +YFV[J]}                  00031000
END }                                                                     00032000
F(N,X +COEFF[CNT :=CNT +1],YFV,G[I,*])}                                   00033000
TEMP:=COEFF[CNT :=CNT +1]                                                 00034000
END }                                                                     00035000
FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO YFV[J]:=FV[J]×TEMP +YIV[J]}                   00036000
FOR K :=0 STEP 1 UNTIL FNMAX DO                                           00037000
BEGIN                                                                     00038000
TEMP:=COEFF[CNT :=CNT +1]}                                                00039000
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      FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO YFV[J]:=G[K,J]×TEMP +YFV[J]          00040000
    END ;                                                              00041000
                                                                       00042000
  END ;                                                                00043000
  BOOLEAN PROCEDURE COMP(N,EAV,ERV,Y,Z);                               00044000
  VALUE N ;                                                            00045000
  INTEGER N ;                                                          00046000
  REAL ARRAY EAV,ERV,Y,Z[0];                                           00047000
                                                                       00048000
  BEGIN                                                                00049000
    INTEGER J ;                                                        00050000
    REAL T1 ;                                                          00051000
    LABEL L1 ;                                                         00052000
    FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO IF (T1 :=ABS(Y[J]=Z[J]))>EAV[J]THEN    00053000
    BEGIN                                                              00054000
      IF T1 >ERV[J]×ABS(Z[J])THEN                                      00055000
      BEGIN                                                            00056000
        COMP :=FALSE ;                                                 00057000
        GO TO L1                                                       00058000
      END                                                              00059000
    END ;                                                              00060000
    COMP :=TRUE ;                                                      00061000
    L1:                                                                00062000
  END ;                                                                00063000
  CNTR :=1 ;                                                           00064000
  IF M ≠0 THEN                                                         00065000
  BEGIN                                                                00066000
    COEFFCNT :=(((FNEVAL +3)×FNEVAL)/2)=2 ;                            00067000
    FNMAX :=FNEVAL =2 ;                                                00068000
    INT :=XF =XI ;                                                     00069000
    TWOH :=(INT +INT)/C1 ;                                             00070000
    H :=INT /C1 ;                                                      00071000
    FOR I :=0 STEP 1 UNTIL COEFFCNT DO                                 00072000
    BEGIN                                                              00073000
      HC[I]:=(T1 :=RKSCONST[I])×H ;                                    00074000
      TWOHC[I]:=T1 ×TWOH                                               00075000
    END ;                                                              00076000
    INDX :=CYI MOD CYM ;                                               00077000
    T1 :=(C1 /2)*P ;                                                   00078000
    FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO                                        00079000
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RUNKUT(N,K xH +X,FNMAX,HC,YH[INDX,*],FH[INDX,*],F,G)}                  00120000
IF COMP(N,EAV,ERV,Y1,YH[NINDX,*])THEN                                  00121000
BEGIN                                                                  00122000
K := K +1 }                                                            00123000
IF K <M THEN                                                           00124000
BEGIN                                                                  00125000
INDX :=NINDX }                                                         00126000
NINDX :=(INDX +1)MOD CYM }                                             00127000
F(N,K xH +X,YH[INDX,*],FH[INDX,*])}                                    00128000
L3:RUNKUT(N,K xH +X,FNMAX,TWOHC,YH[INDX,*],Y1,FH[INDX,*],F,G)}         00129000
GO TO L2                                                               00130000
END }                                                                  00131000
IF K = M THEN                                                          00132000
BEGIN                                                                  00133000
INDX :=NINDX }                                                         00134000
F(N,K xH +X,YH[INDX,*],FH[INDX,*])}                                    00135000
END                                                                    00136000
END ELSE GO TO L1                                                      00137000
END ELSE                                                               00138000
BEGIN                                                                  00139000
FOR J := 1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO                                           00140000
BEGIN                                                                  00141000
EAV[J]:=EA[J]/T1 }                                                     00142000
ERV[J]:=ER[J]/T1 }                                                     00143000
Y1[J]:=YS[J]                                                           00144000
END }                                                                  00145000
L4:RUNKUT(N,X,FNMAX,HC,Y1V,Y2,FH[INDX,*],F,G)}                         00146000
INDX :=(INDX +1)MOD CYM }                                              00147000
F(N,X +H,Y2,FH[INDX,*])}                                               00148000
RUNKUT(N,X +H,FNMAX,HC,Y2,Y4,FH[INDX,*],F,G)}                          00149000
K := 2 }                                                               00150000
IF PA =0 THEN                                                          00151000
BEGIN                                                                  00152000
L5:IF COMP(N,EAV,ERV,Y1,Y4)THEN                                        00153000
BEGIN                                                                  00154000
IF K <M THEN                                                           00155000
BEGIN                                                                  00156000
INDX :=(INDX +1)MOD CYM }                                              00157000
F(N,K xH +X,Y4,FH[INDX,*])}                                            00158000
RUNKUT(N,K xH +X,FNMAX,TWOHC,Y4,Y1,FH[INDX,*],F,G)}                    00159000
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00160000        RUNKUT(N,K xH +X,FNMAX,HC,Y4,Y3,FH[INDX,*],F,G);
00161000        K := K +1 ;
00162000        INDX :=(INDX +1)MOD CYM ;
00163000        F(N,K xH +X,Y3,FH[INDX,*]);
00164000        RUNKUT(N,K xH +X,FNMAX,HC,Y3,Y4,FH[INDX,*],F,G);
00165000        K := K +1 ;
00166000        GO TO L5
00167000        END ;
00168000        IF K = M THEN
00169000        BEGIN
00170000        INDX :=(INDX +1)MOD CYM ;
00171000        F(N,K xH +X,Y4,FH[INDX,*]);
00172000        FOR J := 1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO YFV[J]:=Y4[J]
00173000        END ELSE FOR J := 1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO YFV[J]:=Y3[J]
00174000        END ELSE GO TO L1
00175000        END ELSE
00176000        BEGIN
00177000        L6:IF COMP(N,EAV,ERV,Y1,Y4)THEN
00178000        BEGIN
00179000        INDX :=(INDX +1)MOD CYM ;
00180000        F(N,K xH +X,Y4,FH[INDX,*]);
00181000        IF K <M THEN
00182000        BEGIN
00183000        IF K =L THEN FOR J := 1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO YFV[J]:=Y4[J];
00184000        RUNKUT(N,K xH +X,FNMAX,TWOHC,Y4,Y1,FH[INDX,*],F,G);
00185000        RUNKUT(N,K xH +X,FNMAX,HC,Y4,Y3,FH[INDX,*],F,G);
00186000        K := K +1 ;
00187000        INDX :=(INDX +1)MOD CYM ;
00188000        F(N,K xH +X,Y3,FH[INDX,*]);
00189000        IF K =L THEN FOR J := 1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO YFV[J]:=Y3[J];
00190000        RUNKUT(N,K xH +X,FNMAX,HC,Y3,Y4,FH[INDX,*],F,G);
00191000        K := K +1 ;
00192000        GO TO L6
00193000        END ;
00194000        FOR J := 1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO YIV[J]:=Y4[J]
00195000        END ELSE GO TO L1
00196000        END
00197000        END ;
00198000        X := W xH + X
00199000        END ;
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START :=CNTR ;
END ;
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00200000
00201000
00202000
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III. THE EXECUTIVE PROCEDURE

A. Introduction

The executive procedure acts in an administrative and supervisory capacity. It does the bookkeeping and makes the decisions as to which methods are to be used, but does none of the actual integration. The executive procedure uses as subprocedures five basic integration routines; these are:

1) The Adams-Bashforth-Moulton routine,

2) The Stetter-Gragg-Butcher routine,

3) The Cowell constant Nth order difference routine,

4) The Runge-Kutta-Shanks routine,

5) The start and restart routine
   (containing a separate Runge-Kutta-Shanks routine).

These five basic routines do the actual integration. Each is described in Chapter II of this report.

The executive procedure works in the following way. When a call is made in the procedure to integrate from point a to the point b, this interval is divided into eighths. The first eighth of the interval is integrated by one method for each of two different orders, and the time taken by each recorded. The second eighth is integrated by another method, also for two different orders, and the times recorded. The winners then compete against each other over the next fourth of the interval. That is, the fastest order of the first method and the faster order of the second method are both used to integrate the second fourth of the interval, and the time taken by each recorded. The faster method of these two is then presumably the best (fastest) of the four tried, and it is used (alone) to integrate over the last half of the interval.

All of the times measured above are then logged in a cumulative history file

and the winners and losers noted.

This file then is used as the basis of selecting which methods and orders

are chosen each time. The selection process is as follows: The first of

the two methods is chosen at random. The second method is chosen to be

the method showing the best history of success among the three remaining

methods. Then within each method the same kind of selection process with

respect to orders is used. In this way the past performance of the different

methods and orders influences the choice of which are allowed to compete,

such that the more successful have a higher probability of being selected.

B. The Selection Process

There are four methods available for the integration process, and within

each method there are four orders available. The methods and orders are as

follows:

1) The Adams method with orders $4(4)$, $5(4)$, $6(4)$, $7(5)$.

2) The Butcher formulas with orders $3(4)$, $5(4)$, $7(4)$, $7(5)$.

3) The Cowell method with orders $7(5)$, $9(5)$, $11(5)$, $13(5)$.

4) The Shanks formulas with orders 4, 5, 6, 7.

Each order of each multistep method has an associated Runge-Kutta-Shanks

restart procedure order given in parenthesis after the method order. Details

on these methods are given in Chapter II of this report. The magnetic tape

containing the coefficients has several additional orders of each method, but

the program is now set to use just those mentioned above.

The selection process is the following. The first of two methods is

chosen at random (using a random number generator) from among the four

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available. The second method is chosen to be the method showing the best history of success among the three remaining methods, with the cumulative history file being used to determine the degree of success. Then within each method the same kind of selection process with respect to orders is used. That is, the first order is chosen at random, and the second order is chosen on the basis of which of the remaining three has been the most successful (fastest running) order of that method. Thus it is seen that the past performance of the different methods and orders influences the choice of which are allowed to compete, such that the more successful have a higher probability of being selected.

In using the time as the sole estimate of performance efficiency, it is assumed that all orders and methods have satisfactorily met the accuracy requirements. The accuracy requirements of each method are met by controlling step size and making error estimates at each step. The method of error estimate is different for the different methods. In the Runge-Kutta-Shanks single step method, the error is estimated by taking two half steps and then a whole step. In the Adams and Butcher methods the difference between predictor and corrector is used. In the Cowell method a mid-range formula is used. (Only in the Adams and the Runge-Kutta-Shanks cases is there good theoretical justification for using these methods to calculate the actual error -- the error estimates in the Butcher and Cowell methods are essentially empirical.)

C. Organization of the History File

The history of the effectiveness of each method is recorded in a file called "A831HST" and organized in the following manner.

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Associated with each order of each method are two numbers. The first (a positive number) records the time associated with trials in which this order was the winner. The second (a negative number) records the time associated with trails in which it was the loser. The sum of these two numbers is taken as the "score" or performance number and will be greater if the order of this method has been a consistent winner and will be less (more negative) if it has been a consistent loser.

Associated with each method then is a method score analogous to the order scores just described. That is, each method has one positive and one negative number recording the time spent winning and losing respectively. In addition to this, a history is also kept of which methods the wins and losses were against, but this part of the history is not used in selecting competitors.

The history file is printed in an output file called "HISTORY." In describing this, use will be made of an abbreviated notation. A stands for Adams method, B for Butcher, C for Cowell, and S for Shanks formulas. A number given following the letter designates the order of that method where 1 stands for the lowest order available, 2 for the next lowest, etc. Thus A3 stands for the second highest order Adams method. A sign following the letter or number designates winning time or losing time for this method-order. For example, $B2^+$ designates winning time for Butcher's method, second lowest order; C^- designates losing time for Cowell's method; etc. Finally, if a letter follows the sign in parenthesis, this designates which method the win or loss was against; thus $B^+(A)$ designates winning time by Butcher against Adams. With this notation the organization of the history file is as follows:

The first three items (printed on the first line of the output of the history file) are not times but other bookkeeping items. The first number gives the date (in the form year, day) that this particular history file was initialized, that is the date the tape was first created. The second number gives the total number of times the procedure has been called (using this particular history file). The third number gives the present value of the random number used in generating the random number sequence.

Following these three numbers come the cumulative times the various methods spent winning and losing. These are organized in a 9 row - 8 column matrix. The first 4 rows give wins and losses of the various orders within each method, that is the results of the competitive trials over the 1/8 sections of the range of integration. Table I gives this organization in terms of the notation described above.

Following this is a row giving cumulative winning and losing times by methods; that is, the results of the trials over the 1/4 sections of the range of integration. This row is organized:

$$A^+ \qquad A^- \qquad B^+ \qquad B^- \qquad C^+ \qquad C^- \qquad S^+ \qquad S^-.$$

The last four rows give a more detailed breakdown of the line above, giving the method against which the winning and losing times were made. It is organized as in Table II. It is noted here that entries of the form $A^+(A)$, $B^-(B)$, C^+C, etc. will all be zero, since methods do not compete against themselves.

TABLE I

ORGANIZATION OF CUMULATIVE WINNING AND LOSING TIMES BY METHOD AND ORDER

$A1^+$	$A1^-$	$A2^+$	$A2^-$	$A3^+$	$A3^-$	$A4^+$	$A4^-$
$B1^+$	$B1^-$	$B2^+$	$B2^-$	$B3^+$	$B3^-$	$B4^+$	$B4^-$
$C1^+$	$C1^-$	$C2^+$	$C2^-$	$C3^+$	$C3^-$	$C4^+$	$C4^-$
$S1^+$	$S1^-$	$S2^+$	$S2^-$	$S3^+$	$S3^-$	$S4^+$	$S4^-$

Notation here: A = Adams, B = Butcher, C = Cowell, S = Shanks;

1 = lowest order, 2 = second lowest order, etc;

+ stands for win, - stands for loss.

TABLE II

ORGANIZATION OF CUMULATIVE WINNING AND LOSING TIMES BY METHOD VS. METHOD

$A^+(A)$	$A^-(A)$	$B^+(A)$	$B^-(A)$	$C^+(A)$	$C^-(A)$	$S^+(A)$	$S^-(A)$
$A^+(B)$	$A^-(B)$	$B^+(B)$	$B^-(B)$	$C^+(B)$	$C^-(B)$	$S^+(B)$	$S^-(B)$
$A^+(C)$	$A^-(C)$	$B^+(C)$	$B^-(C)$	$C^+(C)$	$C^-(C)$	$S^+(C)$	$S^-(C)$
$A^+(S)$	$A^-(S)$	$B^+(S)$	$B^-(S)$	$C^+(S)$	$C^-(S)$	$S^+(S)$	$S^-(S)$

Notation here: A = Adams, B = Butcher, C = Cowell, S = Shanks;

+ stands for win, - stands for loss.

$A^+(S)$ stands for Adams win against Shanks,

$C^-(B)$ stands for Cowell loss against Butcher, etc.

Entries of the form $A^+(A)$, or $C^-(C)$ etc., should all be zero since a method does not compete against itself.

D. Inputs to the Executive Procedure

A call in the executive procedure would look like the following:

DIFEQINT (N, XI, XF, Y, F, P, EA, ER, DX)

Here the identifiers in parenthesis are the inputs to the procedure and represent the following information:

N is the number of equations in the system to be integrated,

XI is the initial value of the independent variable,

XF is the final value of the independent variable,

Y is the initial values of the dependent variables. Y is a vector (one dimensional array). At the conclusion of the procedure Y is set to the final values of the dependent variable; that is, Y is also the output variable.

F is the procedure for calculating dy/dx as a function of x and y. This procedure must be written by the user and describes the system of differential equations being integrated. It must be written so as to have four parameters:

(a) N, the number of equations,

(b) X, the independent variable,

(c) Y, the dependent variable (vector),

(d) FV, the vector values of dy/dx at the point x, y.

The first three parameters are input and FV is the output.

P is the error accumulation parameter. This parameter expresses the user's opinion as to how the errors are going to accumulate over the range of integration. For example, if it is expected that the errors will be random then P would be set to 0.5. If it is expected that the errors will accumulate linearly then set P = 1. These are the two most usual cases but other situations can occur.

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EA is the absolute error vector. This vector gives the acceptable absolute errors in the value of Y final.

ER is the relative error vector. This vector gives the acceptable relative error in the value of Y final. It is the weaker of the two conditions EA and ER that is met for each component of the vector Y.

DX is the estimated value of the initial step size. This estimate need not be especially accurate since the individual methods will adjust the step size to the appropriate value.

E. Updating of the History File and Forgetting

The times recorded in the history file are cumulative. That is, after a competition is held, the times taken by the competing methods and orders are added to (for a win) or subtracted from (for a loss) the appropriate positions in the history file. Thus, the entries in the history tables represent an index expressing the cumulative past performance.

Decisions as to which method or order within a method is considered to have the best performance history are made on the basis of the sum of the win and loss entries for that method or order. The method or order having the maximum value for this sum is considered to have best history (remembering that the loss entries are negative). One notes that not all the history file is used in the decision making process; in particular, those entries in Table II are not used in decision making but are recorded only to give the user a more detailed account of the competitions.

One further feature is introduced into the learning process and this is the gradual "forgetting" of events in the more distant past. This is accomplished by multiplying those history scores used in the decision making by a factor less than one, just before the most recent histories are added.

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This causes the events in the distant past to have less influence than those more recent in determining the performance figure of an order and method. The factor used is 0.98 but it is not known what would be the optimum factor. Note that the entries in the history file described in Table II do not involve forgetting. Since these entries are not used in any decision making process but only tabulated for the user's interest, forgetting would serve no practical purpose here. The entries in Table II represent then a total or unattenuated history of the competition between the various methods.

F.   Reading of Coefficients and History Files

Also needed as input to the executive routine are the tables of co-efficients associated with the various methods and the past performance history file. These are read in to the procedure the first time the procedure is called and a flag set (in an element of an array declared OWN) to indicate that these have been read in once. This information is stored in an array declared OWN and need not be read in again during the operation of the program.

The coefficients are stored on a tape file called "TAPE831." It contains the following coefficients:

Adams' method, orders 4 through 10,

Butcher's formulas, orders 3, 5, 7, 9, 11,

Cowell's method, orders 7, 9, 11, 13,

Shanks formulas, orders 4, 5, 6, 7, 7, 8, 8.

Only four orders of each method are actually used.

The history is stored in a tape file called "A831HST." This tape must be mounted with a write ring and is updated every time the procedure is called.

G.   Outputs of the Executive Procedure

The executive procedure returns the final value of the independent variable as its principal output. This is returned through the same variable, Y (a vector), described in Inputs to the Procedure, paragraph D of this Chapter.

There are several other types of output that are printed. First, when the procedure is called for the first time and reads in the past performance history file, it prints out this history in a print file called "HISTORY".

Also printed out in this file is a pair of numbers giving the method and order that is about to be used and the times for each order and method after the comparisons have been made. This information is printed in a two digit code, the first digit representing the method and the second (if present) indicating the order. The method code is:

        0 represents Adams,

        1 represents Butcher,

        2 represents Cowell,

        3 represents Shanks.

The order code is such that 0 represents the lowest order, 1 represents the next lowest order, etc.

Also printed in the file "HISTORY" are the results of comparison runs in which the results (values of the dependent variable) of the two competing method orders differ by more than twice the allowed errors. Also printed are the initial and final values of the independent variable, the two differing values of the dependent variables and an integer telling which component of the dependent variable appears to be in error.

Other messages associated with anomolous conditions are also printed in this file. In particular an integer overflow condition occurs if the step size collapses. Recovery from step size collapse can usually be effected

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but the message "INTEGER OVERFLOW" will be printed in file "HISTORY" whenever it occurs.

Finally, the procedure outputs the updated performance history by writing it back into the "A831HST" tape file.

H. Flow Diagram and Program Listing

Figure 6 is the flow diagram for the executive procedure. The program listing for the executive procedure follows at the end of this section. Since the individual methods and restart programs are also listed elsewhere in this report, their listing here is given in "squeezed" form.

Figure 6. Flow Diagram for the Executive Procedure.

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FILE PUN 15 "HISTORY"(3,15);                                              00002000
FILE PUNCH 0(1,10),A83;HST 2(2,75,SAVE 90);                               00003000
PROCEDURE DIFEQINT(N,XI,XF,Y,F,P,EA,ER,DX);                               00004000
VALUE N,XF,XI,DX,P;                                                       00005000
INTEGER N;                                                                00006000
REAL XI,XF,DX,P;                                                          00007000
PROCEDURE F;                                                              00008000
ARRAY Y,EA,ER[0];                                                         00009000
IF XI ≠ XF THEN                                                           00010000
BEGIN                                                                     00011000
INTEGER PROCEDURE START(N,XI,XF,C1,EA,ER,F,M,X,YIV,YH,FH,YFV,CYI,CYM,PA,  0000 4
 P,FNEVAL,RKSCONST);VALUE N,XI,XF,C1,M,CYI,CYM,PA,P,FNEVAL ;INTEGER N,C1,   0000 5
 M,CYI,CYM,PA,FNEVAL ;REAL XI,XF,X,P ;REAL ARRAY EA,ER,YIV,YFV,RKSCONST[    00000 6
 1,J,FH[0,0];PROCEDURE F ;BEGIN INTEGER I,J,K,L,COEFFCNT,FNMAX,INDX,NIND    0000 7
 X,CNTR ;REAL INT,H,TWOH,T1 ;REAL ARRAY HC,TWOHC[O:((FNEVAL+3)×FNEVAL)/2    0000 8
 )=2],EAV,ERV,Y1,Y2,Y3,Y4[O:N],GLO;FNEVAL =2,O:N];LABEL L1,L2,L3,L4,L5,L6   0000 9
 ;PROCEDURE RUNKUT(N,X,P,FNMAX,COEFF,YIV,YFV,FV,F,G);VALUE N,X;FNMAX ;INTE  0000 10
 GER N;FNMAX ;REAL X ;REAL ARRAY COEFF,YIV,YFV,FV[O],GLO,O];PROCEDURE F ;   0000 11
 BEGIN INTEGER I,J,K,CCNT ;REAL TEMP ;TEMP :=COEFFCCNT :=O;FOR I :=0 ST     0000 12
 EP 1 UNTIL FNMAX DO BEGIN FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO YFV[J]:=COEFF;YIV    0000 13
 +YIV[J];FOR K :=0 STEP 1 UNTIL I -1 DO BEGIN TEMP :=COEFFCCNT +0000        0000 14
 1];FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO YFV[J]:=G[K,J]×TEMP +YFV[J]JEND ;F(N,X +C    00000 15
 EFFCCNT :=CCNT +1],YFV,GLI,*J;TEMP :=COEFFCCNT :=CCNT +1]END ;FOR J :      0000 16
 =1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO YFV[J]:=FV[J]×TEMP +YIV[J];FOR K :=0 STEP 1 UNTIL F   0000 17
 NMAX DO BEGIN TEMP :=COEFFCCNT :=CCNT +1];FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO Y     0000 18
 FV[J]:=G[K,J]×TEMP +YFV[J]JEND +YFV[J];FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO         0000 19
 );VALUE N ;INTEGER N ;REAL ARRAY EAV,ERV,Y,Z[O];BEGIN INTEGER J ;REAL T    10000 20
 ;LABEL L1 ;FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO IF (T1 :=ABS(Y[J]-Z[J]))>EAV[J]T    0000 21
 HEN BEGIN IF T1 >ERV[J]×ABS(Z[J])THEN BEGIN COMP :=((FNEV0000              E0000 22
 ND ;COMP :=TRUE ;L1:END ;END JEND JBOOLEAN PROCEDURE COMP(N,EAV,ERV,Y,Z    E0000 23
 AL +3)×FNEVAL)/2)=2 ;FNMAX :=FNEVAL -2 ;INT :=XF -XI ;TWOH :=(INT +INT)/    0000 24
 C1 ;H :=INT /C1 ;FOR I :=0 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO BEGIN EAV[J]:=EA[J]/T1 ;ER     0000 25
 KSCONST[I]]×H ;TWOHC[I]:=T1 ×TWOH END ;INDX :=CYI MOD CYM ;T1 :=(C1 /2)×    0000 26
 P ;FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO BEGIN EAV[J]:=EA[J]/T1 ;ERV[J]:=ER[J]/T1    0000 27
 END ;IF PA =2 THEN BEGIN NINDX :=(INDX +1)MOD CYM ;K :=0 ;GO TO L3 END      0000 28
 IF PA =1 THEN L :=M DIV 2 ;RUNKUT(N,X,FNMAX,TWOHC,YIV,Y1,FH[INDX,*],F,G)    0000 29
 ;GO TO L4 ;L1:TWOH :=H ;CNTR :=CNTR +CNTR ;C1 :=C1 +C1 ;H :=INT /C1 ;FOR    0000 30
 I :=0 STEP 1 UNTIL COEFFCNT DO BEGIN TWOHC[I]:=HC[I];HC[I]:=RKSCONST[I]]    0000 31
 ×H END ;INDX :=CYI MOD CYM ;T1 :=(C1 /2)×P ;IF PA =2 THEN BEGIN K :=0 ;N    0000 32
 INDX :=(INDX +1)MOD CYM ;FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO BEGIN EAV[J]:=EA[J]    10000 33
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(2×Q-2),0:N],B,BS,HB,HBS[0:Q-1],C,YP,YC,YD,FP,FC,EAU,EAL,ERU,ERL,HAL,HRL0000   74
[0:N]:REAL H,X,CU,C2,GR,YCI,BSQZ,FHJI,FMUI,HBMU,M1DP,HBSMU,HBSQZ,ERROR,C0000   75
HANGE,C2MQP5,INTERVAL:INTEGER I,J,K,C1,DC,PC,MU,MULT,JZERO,QT2M1,QMINUS10000   76
,QTIMES2:BOOLEAN BGOOD,FLIPPED,TOOSMALL:C2MQP5+1/2*(Q+5):QMINUS1+Q-1:QTI0000   77
MES2+Q+Q:QT2M1+QTIMES2-1:ALLMU BEGIN B[MU]+ADAMSCOEFF[MU]:BS[MU]+ADAMSC00000   78
EFF[MU+Q]:END:BSQZ+ADAMSCOEFF[QTIMES2]:GR+ADAMSCOEFF[QTIMES2+1]:C1+1:H+I0000   79
NTERVAL+XF-XI:DX+ABS(DX):WHILE ABS(H)>DX OR C1<Q DO BEGIN C1+C1+C1:H+INT0000   80
ERVAL/C1:END:C2+C1:JZERO+J+0:F(N,XI,YI,FH[0,*]):X+XI:ALLI YB[I]+YI[I]:BG0000   81
OOD+TRUE:RESTART:POINTS:C1+C1×MULT:C2+C2×MULT-Q:IF(J+JZERO-1)<0THEN J+J+0000   82
QT2M1:RESET:NEXTSTEP:X+XF-C2×H:ALLMU BEGIN IF(J+J+1)=QT2M1 THEN J+0:HBMU0000   83
+HB[MU]:HBSMU+HBS[MU]:ALLI BEGIN YP[I]+(FMUI+FH[J,I])×HBMU+YP[I]:C[I]+HB0000   84
SMU×FMUI+C[I]:END:END:F(N,X,YP,FP):FLIP:ALLI YC[I]+FP[I]×HBSQZ+C[I]:F(N,0000   85
X,YC,FC):ALLI IF(CHANGE+ABS(FC[I]-FP[I]))>HAL[I]THEN IF CHANGE>ABS(HRL[I0000   86
]×FC[I])THEN GO TO FLOP:FLIPPED+TRUE:GO TO TEST:FLOP:ALLI YC[I]+FC[I]×HB0000   87
SQZ+C[I]:F(N,X,YC,FP):ALLI IF(CHANGE+ABS(FP[I]-FC[I]))>HAL[I]THEN IF CHA0000   88
NGE>ABS(HRL[I]×FP[I])THEN GO TO FLIP:FLIPPED+FALSE:TEST:IF(J+J+1)=QT2M1 0000   89
THEN J+0:TOOSMALL+TRUE:ALLI BEGIN FHJI+FH[J,I]+IF FLIPPED THEN FC[I]ELSE0000   90
 FP[I]:ERROR+ABS(YP[I]-(YCI+C[I]+YP[I]+(FHJI×HBSQZ+C[I]))):IF BGOOD THEN0000   91
 YD[I]+YCI ELSE YB[I]+YCI:YCI+ABS(YCI):IF ERROR>EAU[I]THEN IF ERROR>ERU[0000   92
I]×YCI THEN GO TO HALF:IF ERROR>EAL[I]THEN IF ERROR>ERL[I]×YCI THEN TOOS0000   93
MALL+FALSE:END:PC+PC+1:IF BGOOD THEN BGOOD+FALSE ELSE BGOOD+TRUE:IF C2≥10000   94
.0THEN C2+C2-1.0ELSE GO TO FINISH:IF TOOSMALL THEN BEGIN DC+DC+1:IF DC≥30000   95
THEN IF PC≥QT2M1 THEN IF C2≥1THEN GO TO DUBBLE:IF(JZERO+(J+JZERO)+1)=QT20000   96
M1 THEN JZERO+0:GO TO NEXTSTEP:END:DC+0:IF(JZERO+(J+JZERO)+1)=QT2M1 THEN0000   97
 JZERO+0:GO TO NEXTSTEP:DUBBLE:C1+C1 DIV 2:C2+(C2-1.0)/2.0:RESET:K+J:FOR0000   98
 MU+1STEP 1UNTIL QMINUS1 DO BEGIN IF(J+J-1)<0THEN J+J+QT2M1:IF(K+K-2)<0T0000   99
HEN K+K+QT2M1:ALLI FH[J,I]+FH[K,I]:END:IF(J+(JZERO+J)-1)<0THEN J+J+QT2M10000  100
:GO TO NEXTSTEP:HALF:IF(J+J-1)<0THEN J+J+QT2M1:JZERO+J:C1+C1+C1:IF(C2+C20000  101
+C2+2.0)<Q THEN GO TO FINISH:GO TO RESTART:FINISH:IF NOT FLIPPED THEN AL0000  102
LI FC[I]+FP[I]:IF NOT BGOOD THEN ALLI YB[I]+YD[I]:X+XF-INTERVAL×(C2/C1):0000  103
IF C2≠0THEN CALLOB:ALLI YF[I]+YB[I]:END:PROCEDURE BUTCHER(N,XI,XF,K,EA,E0000  104
R,DX,CON,FUNCTION,EX,RKC,START,SHANKS,YIV,RKSNF,RKSODR):VALUE N,XI,XF,K,0000  105
DX,CON,EX,RKSNF,RKSODR:REAL ARRAY YIV[0]:INTEGER RKSNF,RKSODR:INTEGER N,0000  106
K:PROCEDURE FUNCTION,SHANKS:INTEGER PROCEDURE START:REAL XI,XF,DX,EX:REA0000  107
L ARRAY RKC[0]:REAL ARRAY CON,EA,ER[0]:BEGIN REAL ARRAY Y,F[0:16,0:N]:RE0000  108
AL SC1,X:REAL DX2:REAL DX1,COA,COB,COLA,COLB,COGA,COGB,TEST,TEMPY,TEMPF,0000  109
A1,A2,A3,C2:INTEGER I,J,CYL,INDEX,C1,M:INTEGER CYL3:REAL ARRAY SUMYIP,SU0000  110
MYP,SUMYC,FV1[0:N]:LABEL STRRT,RESTART,FINISH:REAL P2,T1,T2:INTEGER COUN0000  111
T,TOTCNT,CYL1,CYL2,M1:LABEL DUBSRT:REAL ARRAY COO[0:3×K]:INTEGER CYO:INT0000  112
EGER COUNTER:INTEGER KM1:REAL OMT,K6,K61,K62:REAL INTV:INTEGER KM3,J2,J30000  113
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,J6;REAL XDXT,XDX;REAL ARRAY RE,AE[O:N];FOR I+1STEP 1UNTIL N DO Y[O,I]+Y0000  114
IV[I]];IF K=1OR K=2OR K=3THEN OMT+0.5ELSE OMT+2/3;K6+6×K;K61+(6×K)+1;K62+0000    115
(6×K)+2;KM1+K-1;INTV+XF-XI;X+XI;C1+1;WHILE(C1<K+1)OR((ABS(INTV)/C1)>ABS(0000    116
DX))DO C1+C1+C1;C2+C1;P2+1/(2*((2×K)+4));CYL+0;CYO+0;TOTCNT+0;FUNCTION(N0000    117
,XI,Y[O,*],F[O,*]);RESTART:COUNTER+KM1;C1+C1×(I+START(N,XI,XF,C1,EA,ER,F0000    118
UNCTION,KM1,X,YIV,Y,F,YIV,CYO,16,2,EX,RKSNF,RKC));C2+C2×I-KM1;CYL+CYO;DU0000    119
BSRT:DX+INTV/C1;KM3+3×KM1;FOR J+OSTEP 3UNTIL KM3 DO BEGIN J2+2×J;COO[J]+0000    120
CON[J2+1]×DX;COO[J+1]+CON[J2+3]×DX;COO[J+2]+CON[J2+5]×DX;END;SC1+C1*EX;F0000    121
OR I+1STEP 1UNTIL N DO BEGIN AE[I]+EA[I]/SC1;RE[I]+ER[I]/SC1;END;A1+CON[0000    122
K6]×DX;A2+CON[K61]×DX;A3+CON[K62]×DX;STRRT:XDXT+X+(DX×OMT);XDX+X+DX;FOR 0000    123
I+1STEP 1UNTIL N DO SUMYIP[I]+SUMYP[I]+SUMYC[I]+0;FOR J+OSTEP 1UNTIL KM10000    124
  DO BEGIN CYL3+(KM1-J+CYL)MOD 16;J3+3×J;J6+6×J;COA+CON[J6];COB+COO[J3];C0000    125
OLA+CON[J6+2];COLB+COO[J3+1];COGA+CON[J6+4];COGB+COO[J3+2];FOR I+1STEP 10000    126
UNTIL N DO BEGIN TEMPY+Y[CYL3,I];TEMPF+F[CYL3,I];SUMYIP[I]+SUMYIP[I]+(C00000    127
A×TEMPY)+(COB×TEMPF);SUMYP[I]+SUMYP[I]+(COLA×TEMPY)+(COLB×TEMPF);SUMYC[I0000    128
]+SUMYC[I]+(COGA×TEMPY)+(COGB×TEMPF);END;END;FUNCTION(N,XDXT,SUMYIP,FV1)0000    129
;FOR I+1STEP 1UNTIL N DO BEGIN TEMPF+FV1[I];SUMYP[I]+SUMYP[I]+(A1×TEMPF)0000    130
;SUMYC[I]+SUMYC[I]+(A2×TEMPF);END;FUNCTION(N,XDX,SUMYP,FV1);CYL+(CYL+1)M0000    131
OD 16;CYO+(CYL+KM1)MOD 16;COUNT+0;FOR I+1STEP 1UNTIL N DO BEGIN TEMPY+SU0000    132
MYC[I]+(A3×FV1[I]);T1+AE[I];T2+ABS(RE[I]×TEMPY);TEST+ABS(TEMPY-SUMYP[I])0000    133
;IF TEST>T1 AND TEST>T2 THEN BEGIN C2+C2+C2;CYL+(CYL+15)MOD 16;CYO+(CYL+0000    134
KM1)MOD 16;IF C2<KM1 THEN BEGIN SHANKS(N,X,XF,Y[CYO,*],FUNCTION,RKSNF,RK0000    135
SODR,RKC,EX,EA,ER,DX);GO TO FINISH;END;C1+C1+C1;GO TO RESTART;END;Y[CYO,0000    136
I]+TEMPY;IF TEST<P2×T1 OR TEST<P2×T2 THEN COUNT+COUNT+1;END;C2+C2-1;X+XF0000    137
-(DX×C2);IF C2=OTHEN GO TO FINISH;IF C2<1THEN BEGIN SHANKS(N,X,XF,Y[CYO,0000    138
*],FUNCTION,RKSNF,RKSODR,RKC,EX,EA,ER,DX);GO TO FINISH;END;FUNCTION(N,X,0000    139
Y[CYO,*],F[CYO,*]));IF COUNT=N THEN BEGIN TOTCNT+TOTCNT+1;IF TOTCNT≥3THEN0000    140
  BEGIN IF COUNTER≥2×K THEN BEGIN COUNTER+0;C2+C2/2;C1+C1/2;IF C2<1THEN B0000    141
EGIN SHANKS(N,X,XF,Y[CYO,*],FUNCTION,RKSNF,RKSODR,RKC,EX,EA,ER,DX);GO T00000    142
  FINISH;END;TOTCNT+0;FOR I+1STEP 1UNTIL N DO FOR J+1STEP 1UNTIL KM1 DO B0000    143
EGIN CYL1+(CYO+16-J)MOD 16;CYL2+(CYO+16-(2×J))MOD 16;Y[CYL1,I]+Y[CYL2,I]0000    144
;F[CYL1,I]+F[CYL2,I];END;GO TO DUBSRT;END;END;END;COUNTER+COUNTER+1;GO T00000    145
O STRRT;FINISH;FOR I+1STEP 1 UNTIL N DO YIV[I]+Y[CYO,I];END BUTCHER;PROC0000    146
EDURE COWELL(N,XI,XF,Y,F,EA,ER,P,DX,RKSFN,RKSORDER,RKSCOEFF,Q,COWELLCOEF0000    147
F,START,SHANKS);VALUE N,XI,XF,P,DX,RKSFN,RKSORDER,Q ;INTEGER N,RKSFN,RKS0000    148
ORDER,Q ;REAL XI,XF,P,DX ;REAL ARRAY Y,EA,ER,RKSCOEFF,COWELLCOEFF[0];PR00000    149
CEDURE F,SHANKS ;INTEGER PROCEDURE START ;BEGIN INTEGER C1,M,MM1,QP1,TQP0000    150
1,INDX,I1,I2,I3,I,J,K,CYI ;INTEGER CORRECTCNT ;REAL INT,C2,DFACTOR,X,H,T0000    151
1,T2,T3,T4,T5,T6 ;BOOLEAN DFLAG,PFLAG ;REAL ARRAY FH[O:Q +Q,O:N],YMID1,Y0000    152
P,YC,YM,CS,FP,HDM1F,HDM1FMID,EAV,ERV,EAVD,ERVD[0:N],PCOEFF,CCOEFF,MCOEFF0000    153
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8=YM[J]+T1 ×FH[I1,J]+T2 ×FH[I2,J]END 3IF DFLAG THEN BEGIN FOR J 8=1 STEP0000 194
 1 UNTIL N DO IF (T2 8=ABS((T3 8=Y[J])-YM[J]))>EAVD[J]THEN BEGIN IF T2 >0000 195
ERVD[J]×ABS(T3)THEN BEGIN IF T2 >EAV[J]THEN BEGIN IF T2 >ERV[J]×ABS(T3)T0000 196
HEN GO TO L4 END 3GO TO L3 END END 3C2 8=C2 -M 3C2 8=C2 /2.0 3IF PFLAG T0000 197
HEN FOR J 8=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO Y[J]8=YP[J]ELSE FOR J 8=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N0000 198
 DO Y[J]8=YC[J]3C1 8=C1 DIV 2 3IF C2 <M THEN GO TO CLOSER 3INDX 8=INDX +0000 199
1 3FOR K 8=1 STEP 1 UNTIL Q DO BEGIN INDX 8=(INDX +1)MOD TQP1 3I1 8=(IND0000 200
X +K)MOD TQP1 3FOR J 8=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO FH[INDX,J]8=FH[I1,J]END 3GO TO0000 201
O DOUBLER END 3J 8=0 3L38FOR J 8=J +1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO IF (T2 8=ABS((T30000 202
 8=Y[J])-YM[J]))>EAV[J]THEN BEGIN IF T2 >ERV[J]×ABS(T3)THEN BEGIN L48IND0000 203
X 8=(CYI -M)MOD TQP1 3L58C1 8=C1 +C1 3X 8=XF -C2 ×H 3C2 8=C2 +C2 3GO TO 0000 204
STARTER END END 3C2 8=C2 -M 3IF C2 ≥M THEN BEGIN IF PFLAG THEN FOR J 8=10000 205
 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO BEGIN YMID1[J]8=Y[J]3Y[J]8=YP[J]3HDM1FMID[J]8=HDM1F[J0000 206
]END ELSE FOR J 8=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO BEGIN YMID1[J]8=Y[J]3Y[J]8=YC[J]3H0000 207
DM1FMID[J]8=HDM1F[J]END 3DFLAG 8=TRUE 3GO TO ACCEPT END 3IF PFLAG THEN F0000 208
OR J 8=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO Y[J]8=YP[J]ELSE FOR J 8=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO Y0000 209
[J]8=YC[J]3CLOSER8IF C2 >0 THEN SHANKS(N,X,XF,Y,F,RKSFN,RKSORDER,RKSCOEF0000 210
F,P,EA,ER,ABS(INT)/C1))END 3PROCEDURE SHANKS(N,XI,XF,YV,F,M,ORDER,CF,P,E0000 211
A,ER,DX)3VALUE N,XI,XF,M,ORDER,P,DX3INTEGER N,M,ORDER3REAL XI,XF,P,DX3RE0000 212
AL ARRAY YV,CF,EA,ER[0]3PROCEDURE F3BEGIN INTEGER I,J,K,L,COUNT,COUNT2,I0000 213
I,NCF3INTEGER NCF13INTEGER DKTR3REAL EFACT3REAL BETA,DCOUNT,DXD,DXH,DXT,0000 214
EFACTOR,ERANGE,ES,GAMMA,X,XM3BOOLEAN CFSW,DSW3REAL ARRAY CFD[0:(M+3)×M-20000 215
],FV[0:M-1,0:N],GV,YC,YM,YP[0:N]3DEFINE CFH=CFD#3LABEL L1,L2,EXIT3INTEGE0000 216
R STEPR,STEPS3M←M-13STEPS←STEPR+03DXD←DXT←XF-XI3IF DXT=0THEN GO TO EXIT30000 217
IF DX=0THEN DX←DXD3COUNT←13WHILE ABS(DX)<ABS(DXD)DO BEGIN COUNT←COUNT+C00000 218
UNT3DXD←DXT/COUNT3END3COUNT2←COUNT+COUNT3DXH←DXT/COUNT23DCOUNT←COUNT3EFA0000 219
CT←13FOR I←1STEP 1UNTIL ORDER DO EFACT←EFACT+EFACT3ERANGE←0.125/EFACT3EF0000 220
ACT←4/EFACT3EFACTOR←COUNT+P×EFACT3DKTR←03NCF1←(M×M+M)DIV 2+M+M3NCF←NCF1+0000 221
13CFSW←FALSE3FOR I←0STEP 1UNTIL NCF1 DO BEGIN CFD[I]←CF[I]×DXD3CFH[I+NCF0000 222
]←CF[I]×DXH3END3X←XI3XM←XI+DXH3L13DSW←TRUE3F(N,X,YV,GV)3IF CFSW THEN L←N0000 223
CF1 ELSE L←-13FOR I←1STEP 1UNTIL M DO BEGIN II←I-13L←L+13BETA←CFD[L]3FOR0000 224
 K←1STEP 1UNTIL N DO YP[K]←GV[K]×BETA+YV[K]3FOR J←1STEP 1UNTIL II DO BEG0000 225
IN L←L+13BETA←CFD[L]3FOR K←1STEP 1UNTIL N DO YP[K]←FV[J,K]×BETA+YP[K]3EN0000 226
D3L←L+13F(N,CFD[L]+X,YP,FV[I,*])3END3L←L+13GAMMA←CFD[L]3FOR K←1STEP 1UNT0000 227
IL N DO YP[K]←GV[K]×GAMMA+YV[K]3FOR I←1STEP 1UNTIL M DO BEGIN L←L+13GAMM0000 228
A←CFD[L]3FOR K←1STEP 1UNTIL N DO YP[K]←FV[I,K]×GAMMA+YP[K]3END3L28IF CFS0000 229
W THEN L←-13FOR I←1STEP 1UNTIL M DO BEGIN II←I-13L←L+13BETA←CFH[L]3FOR K0000 230
←1STEP 1UNTIL N DO YM[K]←GV[K]×BETA+YV[K]3FOR J←1STEP 1UNTIL II DO BEGIN0000 231
 L←L+13BETA←CFH[L]3FOR K←1STEP 1UNTIL N DO YM[K]←FV[J,K]×BETA+YM[K]3END30000 232
L←L+13F(N,CFH[L]+X,YM,FV[I,*])3END3L←L+13GAMMA←CFH[L]3FOR K←1STEP 1UNTIL0000 233
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OWN INTEGER J,S,K;                                               00026000
OWN INTEGER ARRAY AT,BJ[0:3];                                    00027000
LIST LST(FOR J:=-2 STEP 1 UNTIL 72 DO Q[J]);                     00028000
DEFINE HEREBEFORE =Q[73]#,ALLJ =FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO #,YOBYY 00029000
=ALLJ YO[J]:=Y[J]#,SETY1ANDY =ALLJ                              00030000
BEGIN                                                           00031000
  Y1[J]:=Y[J];                                                  00032000
  Y[J]:=YO[J]                                                   00033000
END #;                                                          00034000
LABEL L29,L1,L2,L3,L4,L5,L6,L7,M00,M01,M02,M03,M10,M11,M12,M13,M20, 00035000
M21,M22,M23,M30,M31,M32,M33;                                    00036000
SWITCH SW :=M00,M01,M02,M03,M10,M11,M12,M13,M20,M21,M22,M23,M30,M31 00037000
,M32,M33;                                                       00038000
SWITCH RETURN :=L1,L2,L3,L4,L5,L6,L7;                            00039000
INTEGER L,ALF,ALF1,ALF2,BET,BET1,BET2,ALFBEST,BEST0,TALF,TALF1,TALF200040000
,TBET,TBET1,TBET2,BETBEST,BESTM ;                               00041000
ARRAY YO,Y1[0:N];                                               00042000
PROCEDURE RECORDORDERS(M,X,XT,Y,YT);                             00043000
VALUE M,X,XT,Y,YT;                                              00044000
INTEGER M,X,XT,Y,YT;                                            00045000
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BEGIN                                                           00047000
  KX :=KY :=1 +8×M;                                             00048000
  KX.:=KX +2×X;                                                 00049000
  KY :=KY +2×Y;                                                 00050000
  IF XT <YT THEN                                                00051000
  BEGIN                                                         00052000
    Q[KY+1]:=Q[KY+1]-YT;                                        00053000
    Q[KX ]:=Q[KX ]+XT;                                          00054000
                                                                00055000
  END;                                                          00056000
  IF YT <XT THEN                                                00057000
  BEGIN                                                         00058000
    Q[KX+1]:=Q[KX+1]-XT;                                        00059000
    Q[KY ]:=Q[KY ]+YT;                                          00060000
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  END;                                                          00062000
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END;                                                            00064000
PROCEDURE RECORDMETHODS(X,XT,Y,YT);                             00065000
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VALUE X,XT,Y,YT;
INTEGER X,XT,Y,YT;

BEGIN
  KX33 :=33 +2×X;
  KY33 :=33 +2×Y;
  KX41 :=8 +KX33 +8×Y;
  KY41 :=8 +KY33 +8×X;
  IF XT <YT THEN
  BEGIN
    Q[KY33+1]:=Q[KY33+1]-YT;
    Q[KX33 ]:=Q[KX33 ]+XT;
    Q[KY41+1]:=Q[KY41+1]-YT;
    Q[KX41 ]:=Q[KX41 ]+XT;
  END;
  IF YT <XT THEN
  BEGIN
    Q[KX33+1]:=Q[KX33+1]-XT;
    Q[KY33 ]:=Q[KY33 ]+YT;
    Q[KX41+1]:=Q[KX41+1]-XT;
    Q[KY41 ]:=Q[KY41 ]+YT;
  END;
END;
PROCEDURE SELECTORDERS(M,X,Y);
INTEGER M,X,Y;

BEGIN
J:=Q[0]:=(Q[0]×4093 +3000001)MOD 16777216 ;
J :=J/@4;
FOR S :=0 STEP 1 UNTIL 3 DO
BEGIN
  J :=(J+1)MOD 4;
  K :=1 +8×M +2×J;
  A[S]:=Q[K]+Q[K+1];
  B[S]:=J;
END;
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      X:=BJ[0];                                                        00106000
      Y :=IF AT[1]≥AT[2]THEN IF AT[1]≥AT[3]THEN BJ[1]ELSE BJ[3]ELSE IF 00107000
      AT[2]≥AT[3]THEN BJ[2]ELSE BJ[3];                                 00108000
                                                                       00109000
   END;                                                                00110000
   PROCEDURE SELECTMETHODS(X,Y);                                       00111000
   INTEGER X,Y;                                                        00112000
                                                                       00113000
   BEGIN                                                               00114000
     J:=Q[0]:=(Q[0]×4093 +3000001)MOD 16777216 ;                      00115000
     J :=J/@4;                                                         00116000
     FOR S :=0 STEP 1 UNTIL 3 DO                                       00117000
     BEGIN                                                             00118000
       J :=(J+1)MOD 4;                                                 00119000
       K :=33 +2×J;                                                    00120000
       AT[S]:=Q[K]+Q[K+1];                                            00121000
       BJ[S]:=J;                                                       00122000
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     END;                                                              00124000
     X:=BJ[0];                                                         00125000
     Y :=IF AT[1]≥AT[2]THEN IF AT[1]≥AT[3]THEN BJ[1]ELSE BJ[3]ELSE IF  00126000
     AT[2]≥AT[3]THEN BJ[2]ELSE BJ[3];                                  00127000
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   END;                                                                00129000
   IF HEREBEFORE ≠"YES"THEN                                            00130000
   BEGIN                                                               00131000
     LABEL L1;                                                         00132000
     FILE IN TAPE831 2(2,90);                                          00133000
     FORMAT FM ("SEND THIS HISTORY FILE AND THE PUNCHED CARDS TO L J GA00134000
LLAHER VIA ",™CAMPUS MAIL"////X5,A5,I10,I10/(8I10)));                  00135000
     FORMAT FORM(/(5E20.11));                                          00136000
     INTEGER J,K,S;                                                    00137000
     WHILE TRUE DO READ(A831HST,75,Q[*])[L1:L1];                       00138000
     L1:REWIND(A831HST);                                               00139000
     COMMENT READ COEF.FILE;                                           00140000
     FOR J :=0 STEP 1 UNTIL 3 DO FOR K :=0 STEP 1 UNTIL 3 DO           00141000
     BEGIN                                                             00142000
       IF J=2 AND K=0 THEN SPACE(TAPE831,1);                           00143000
       IF J=1 AND K=0 THEN SPACE(TAPE831,5);                           00144000
       READ(TAPE831,40,COEF[J,K,*]);                                   00145000
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L4:TBET2 :=TIME(2)-TBET2;                                          00186000
AC;                                                               00187000
A:=C;                                                             00188000
YOBYY :=(Y[J]+Y1[J])/2;                                           00189000
C:=A+DDX×2;                                                       00190000
ALFBEST :=IF TALF1≤TALF2 THEN ALF1 ELSE ALF2;                    00191000
BETBEST :=IF TBET1≤TBET2 THEN BET1 ELSE BET2;                    00192000
WRITE(PUN ,F2I1,ALF,ALFBEST));                                   00193000
TALF :=TIME(2));                                                 00194000
L:=5;                                                            00195000
GO TO SW[4×ALF+ALFBEST+1];                                       00196000
L5:TALF :=TIME(2)-TALF ;                                         00197000
SETY1ANDY;                                                       00198000
WRITE(PUN ,F2I1,BET,BETBEST));                                   00199000
TBET :=TIME(2));                                                 00200000
L:=6;                                                            00201000
GO TO SW[4×BET+BETBEST+1];                                       00202000
L6:TBET :=TIME(2)-TBET ;                                         00203000
AC;                                                              00204000
A:=C;                                                            00205000
YOBYY :=(Y[J]+Y1[J])/2;                                          00206000
C:=XF;                                                           00207000
FOR J :=1 STEP 1 UNTIL 40 DO Q[J]:=Q[J]×0.980;                   00208000
RECORDORDERS(ALF,ALF1,TALF1,ALF2,TALF2));                        00209000
RECORDORDERS(BET,BET1,TBET1,BET2,TBET2));                        00210000
RECORDMETHODS(ALF,TALF,BET,TBET));                               00211000
Q[-1]:=Q[-1]+1;                                                  00212000
WRITE(A831HST,75,Q[*]));                                         00213000
WRITE(PUN ,FM5I10,ALF,ALF1,TALF1,ALF,ALF2,TALF2,BET,BET1,TBET1,BET,  00214000
BET2,TBET2,ALF,TALF,BET,TBET,Q[-1]));                            00215000
IF .TALF ≤TBET THEN                                              00216000
BEGIN                                                            00217000
   BESTM :=ALF;                                                  00218000
   BESTO :=ALFBEST                                               00219000
END ELSE                                                         00220000
BEGIN                                                            00221000
   BESTM :=BET;                                                  00222000
   BESTO :=BETBEST                                               00223000
END;                                                             00224000
   L :=7;                                                        00225000
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GO TO SW[4×BESTM +BESTO +1];                                                    00226000

BEGIN                                                                           00227000
   GO TO L29;                                                                   00228000
M00:COMMENT;                                                                    00229000
ADAMS(N,A,C,Y,F,P,3,DX,EA,ER,COEF[0,0,*],4,,COEF[3,0,*],SS   );                 00230000
   GO TO L29;                                                                   00231000
M01:COMMENT;                                                                    00232000
ADAMS(N,A,C,Y,F,P,4,DX,EA,ER,COEF[0,1,*],4,,COEF[3,0,*],SS   );                 00233000
   GO TO L29;                                                                   00234000
M02:COMMENT;                                                                    00235000
ADAMS(N,A,C,Y,F,P,5,DX,EA,ER,COEF[0,2,*],4,,COEF[3,0,*],SS   );                 00236000
   GO TO L29;                                                                   00237000
M03:COMMENT;                                                                    00238000
ADAMS(N,A,C,Y,F,P,6,DX,EA,ER,COEF[0,3,*],5,,COEF[3,1,*],SS   );                 00239000
   GO TO L29;                                                                   00240000
M10:COMMENT;                                                                    00241000
BUTCHER(N,A,C,2,EA,ER,DX,COEF[1,0,*],F,P,COEF[3,0,*],SS,Y,4,4);                 00242000
   GO TO L29;                                                                   00243000
M11:COMMENT;                                                                    00244000
BUTCHER(N,A,C,3,EA,ER,DX,COEF[1,1,*],F,P,COEF[3,0,*],SS,Y,4,4);                 00245000
   GO TO L29;                                                                   00246000
M12:COMMENT;                                                                    00247000
BUTCHER(N,A,C,4,EA,ER,DX,COEF[1,2,*],F,P,COEF[3,0,*],SS,Y,5,5);                 00248000
   GO TO L29;                                                                   00249000
M13:COMMENT;                                                                    00250000
BUTCHER(N,A,C,4,EA,ER,DX,COEF[1,2,*],F,P,COEF[3,1,*],SS,Y,5,5);                 00251000
   GO TO L29;                                                                   00252000
M20:COMMENT;                                                                    00253000
COWELL(N,A,C,Y,F,EA,ER,P,DX,5,5,COEF[3,1,*],4,COEF[2,0,*],SS);                  00254000
   GO TO L29;                                                                   00255000
M21:COMMENT;                                                                    00256000
COWELL(N,A,C,Y,F,EA,ER,P,DX,5,5,COEF[3,1,*],6,COEF[2,1,*],SS);                  00257000
   GO TO L29;                                                                   00258000
M22:COMMENT;                                                                    00259000
COWELL(N,A,C,Y,F,EA,ER,P,DX,5,5,COEF[3,1,*],8,COEF[2,2,*],SS);                  00260000
   GO TO L29;                                                                   00261000
M23:COMMENT;                                                                    00262000
COWELL(N,A,C,Y,F,EA,ER,P,DX,5,5,COEF[3,1,*],10,COEF[2,3,*],SS);                 00263000
   GO TO L29;                                                                   00264000
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M30:COMMENT;
SHANKS(N,A,C,Y,F,4,4,COEF[3,0,*],P,EA,ER,DX);
GO TO L29;
M31:COMMENT;
SHANKS(N,A,C,Y,F,5,5,COEF[3,1,*],P,EA,ER,DX);
GO TO L29;
M32:COMMENT;
SHANKS(N,A,C,Y,F,6,6,COEF[3,2,*],P,EA,ER,DX);
GO TO L29;
M33:COMMENT;
SHANKS(N,A,C,Y,F,7,7,COEF[3,3,*],P,EA,ER,DX);
L29:GO TO RETURN[L];
L39:WRITE(PUN,FMINTOVR);
GO TO M30;

END;
L7:
END;
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IV. RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

A. Applications

Three types of problems were used to exercise this integration procedure. The first type is the Arenstorf orbits of the restricted three body problem. The second is the system of linear differential equations associated with Fourier transforms. The third type is the system of linear equations obtained from a discretization of the partial differential equation for the vibrating string.

The first of these is characterized by the necessity of frequent step size change. The other two types are characterized by having a large number (20 to 100) of coupled equations.

B. Results

The executive routine performed quite satisfactorily. Learning took place as was desired, the procedure adapting readily to the characteristics of a particular problem and accuracy.

The results of running with a variety of problems and accuracies are that no particular method seems to be exceptionally superior to any other. It did appear that for the accuracy range used (10^{-3} to 10^{-9}) certain orders of some methods were inappropriate. Also for a given method one particular order usually dominated, but which one dominated depended on the accuracy being asked and to some extent on the problem.

All methods performed well and, for different problems, different methods showed up more successfully. The Runge-Kutta-Shanks method was usually faster for problems where frequent step size changes were required, but the multi-step methods usually performed better when long runs of uniform step size

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were appropriate. Of the multistep methods, that of Adams was usually the fastest.

The performance of the various orders of each method was as follows:

For the Adams method, 6th order was best most often for these accuracies, with 5th order next fastest.

Of the Butcher formulas, the 5th order was most often the fastest. No clear cut case was established for second best, but it was evident that 9th order or higher was clearly too slow at these accuracies to be included among the possible orders.

For the Cowell method, 6th order was usually the best. 12th order and higher were too slow and should not be used at these accuracies.

Of the Shanks formulas, the 4th order was usually the fastest, with the 5th and 6th orders not too far behind.

C. Conclusions

The results justify the conclusion that the present program would be suitable and effective as a general library program for integrating systems of differential equations. It was evident that no particular method or order is exceptionally superior to all the others. Depending on the accuracy and the problem, different methods and orders are best. The executive routine does a satisfactory job of finding a good method and order for each individual problem.

D. Suggestions for Further Study

Several additional tasks and improvements to the present project can be envisioned.

The first additional task would be to convert the integration procedure to double precision (22 decimal places). This would allow an exploration

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of a wider range of accuracies and order. Also at the higher accuracies more striking differences in the efficiencies of the various methods and orders are expected to occur. Experiments of the type carried out in single precision could then be done in double precision and the results extended over a wider range of accuracies and orders.

As a second additional task, a further investigation should be carried out into the correlation between order and accuracies. The present program does not try to anticipate the optimum order from the accuracy requirements. There should be a correlation between accuracy and optimum order. This could be built into the program either on an empirical basis or preferably as a learning function; that is, as a correlation to be learned by the program from the running experience.

A third suggestion for further work would be to make improvements in the learning mechanism. One such possibility just mentioned is to incorporate the learning of the correlation between order and accuracy. Also an investigation of the optimum rate of "forgetting" could be undertaken. The whole mechanism of learning should be investigated more thoroughly for the purpose of optimizing the learning process.

Other revisions in the program or extensions of this work would be to improve or refine the step size and error control, to do more experimenting with a wider variety of problems, and possibly to incorporate other integration methods into the program.

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